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Salem Lutheran Church

Axtell, Kansas

**May 22, 2022
6th Sunday of Easter
10:00AM Worship**

***Vision Statement: Centered on the Holy Bible,
we will continue to be a Christ-filled church
serving others near and far.***

**GATHERING
PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Indicates those able to please stand

***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 *I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY* LBW 390**

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. 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 God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work

among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. ¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

PSALM

PSALM 67

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us— ² so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. ³ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. ⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth. ⁵ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. ⁶ The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. ⁷ May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

SECOND LESSON

REVELATION 21:10, 22-22:5

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. ²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city

does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.²⁵ On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it.²⁷ Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.²² Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

***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 14:23-29

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

²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you.²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.²⁸ "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE LBW 393

***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 pray) 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 – ourselves, 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 SOFTLY AND TENDERLY GOLD 432

***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.

SALEM ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Adult Sunday School is at 9 a.m.

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

May 30 - Memorial Day – The Vermillion American Legion Post #257 will be at Salem at 9 a.m. for a memorial ceremony to honor the veterans buried in the Salem cemetery and the Vliets cemetery. Following the memorial service, there will be a time of fellowship in the Salem Fellowship hall.

If you would like to donate cookies for this event, please place them in the kitchen on Sunday, May 29.

We would like to be able to share this event with the Salem community on the Salem Facebook page and website. If you take pictures with your cell phone and would like to share them, please send/share your Memorial Day Event pictures to salemlc@bluevalley.net and we will post your shared pictures on Salem's Facebook page and website.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Community Bible School will be held at St. Michael's Church in Axtell on June 20-23, 2022 for kids currently in grades K – 5. The staff will be brought in from Okaboji, IA.

St. Michael's Church in Axtell will be holding its annual Summer Picnic on Saturday, June 18th. Come and enjoy a meal with roast beef, ham, potatoes, and homemade desserts. Cost

for the meal with be \$12.00 for adults; \$6.00 for children 10 years and under. There will be games for all ages, bingo, card game, quilt and grill & griddle chances and our chance book drawings

Benefit breakfast for the renovation of the Historic Frankfort Grade School on Sunday, May 29, at the Annunciation Cigna Center in Frankfort. Serving from 8 am to 1 pm. Sausage, bacon, eggs, biscuits & gravy, hash browns, and sweets! Free will donation. This will be the last one until Aug. Everyone welcome!

PRAYERS:

For all who suffer from illness: for Stan, Debbie, Peggy (Jones) Dial, Donna, Jennifer (Dennis Droege'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.

STEWARSHIP MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 22, 2022

“...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” (JOHN 14:27)
Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort. *In faith*

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Mission and Ministry Offerings were gifted and blessed ***at the 5/15/22 Sunday Worship service (in person and online): Total Offerings \$1,004.00, Designated* \$00.40, Mission/Ministry \$1,004.00*** 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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