

**SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**May 8, 2022  
4th 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

\*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

**THINE IS THE GLORY**

LBW 145

**\*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 9:36-43**

<sup>36</sup> In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. <sup>37</sup> About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup> Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" <sup>39</sup> Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

**PSALM**

**PSALM 23**

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- <sup>2</sup> **He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,**
- <sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup> **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- <sup>6</sup> **Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

## **REVELATION 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. <sup>10</sup> They had tails with stingers, like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. <sup>11</sup> They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer). <sup>12</sup> The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come. <sup>13</sup> The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God. <sup>14</sup> It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." <sup>15</sup> And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. <sup>16</sup> The number of the mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand. I heard their number. <sup>17</sup> The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur.

### **\*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 10:22-30**

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

<sup>22</sup> Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup> The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON  
SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY    *NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES***

**LBW 148**

**\*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,            *(prayers)*            Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

Gracious God, *(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**    *CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY*  
**LBW 128**

**\*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: David Winqvist, Parish Ministry Associate for leading today's service, Bob Bartkowski for giving the Sermon; Lisa Broxterman – organist; Shirley Polson – pianist; Tom Schroeder – Lector.

**Adult Sunday School** is at 9 a.m.

**May 8 – Mother's Day designated special offering will be Lutheran World Relief.** Please note *Lutheran World Relief* on your check or offering envelope.

**May 13 - Harvester's** 11:30 a.m. at St. Michael's in Axtell

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

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

**THANK YOU letter** has been received from the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews for Salem's recent donation and it is posted on the bulletin board.

### **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), Callie Olson (Allen Olson's wife) and all others we lift up in our hearts and minds.

### **STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022**

*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."* (ACTS 13:52) The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room



for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!...*In faith*

***Mission and Ministry Offerings*** were gifted and blessed **at the 5/1/22 Sunday Worship** service (in person and online): **Total Offerings** \$1,508.00, **Designated\*** \$0.00, **Mission/Ministry** \$1,508.00 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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***Notes from 2022 Easter Offerings.*** Thank you to all for your combined Easter offerings that are supporting the urgent needs of the Ukrainian people. The Salem Church Council voted to send the balance of Community Care Funds and all received Easter offerings to the Spiritual Orphans Network (1/3), the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (1/3), and to Samaritan's Purse (1/3) for Ukrainian food, clothing and medical care. Including all Easter and remaining Community Care Offerings, Salem Lutheran has gifted a total of \$2,196.18 to the three named organizations above to be used for food, clothing and medical care. God bless the gifts and the givers.

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Are you planning to give a one-time gift or wanting to organize ongoing donations through the mail via USPS? Please mail your giving checks to Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2590 Navajo Road, Axtell, KS 66403. Thank you!

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Salem's website is at

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