

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Salem Lutheran Church

Axtell, Kansas

October 23, 2022
20th Sunday after Pentecost
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 In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, 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 *There Shall be Showers of Blessings*

GOLD 580

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 Forgive the faults of your people, O Lord, that our slavery to sin, into which we fell in our weakness, may be overcome by your liberating work; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST LESSON:

GENESIS 4:1-15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it." ⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

PSALM 5

¹Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my meditation.

²Hearken to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I make my prayer to you.

³In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.

⁴For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, and evil cannot dwell with you.

⁵Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; you hate all those who work wickedness.

⁶You destroy those who speak lies; the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O LORD, you abhor.

⁷But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy I will go into your house; I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

⁸Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness, because of those who lie in wait for me; make your way straight before me.

⁹For there is no truth in their mouth; there is destruction in their heart;

¹⁰Their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

¹¹Declare them guilty, O God; let them fall, because of their schemes.

¹²Because of their many transgressions, cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.

¹³But all who take refuge in you will be glad; they will sing out their joy forever.

¹⁴You will shelter them, so that those who love your Name may exult in you.

¹⁵For you, O LORD, will bless the righteous; you will defend them with your favor as with a shield.

SECOND LESSON

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

***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 **LUKE 18:9-17**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” ¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

C Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY *How Firm A Foundation* **LBW 507**

***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, *(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***Open My Eyes*****GOLD 486*****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 Winqvist, Parish Ministry Associate for leading today's service; Pr. Janelle Knowles for giving the sermon, Lisa Broxterman--organist; Shirley Polson--pianist; John Polson--Lector

Adult Sunday School is at 9 a.m.

October 30 – Noisy Can Offering for distribution to the Marshall and Nemaha County Food Pantries.

October and November Special offerings--The Council voted to select October and November Special offerings to be designated to support Marshall County and Nemaha County Food Pantry needs. This is in addition to the regular monthly Noisy Can offering given the last Sunday at worship.

NOVEMBER 6 -- Gather your family and friends and join us at Salem Lutheran Church for a night of **TACOS & TRIVIA!** Come for tacos beginning at 5:00, then you can test your Bible and trivia knowledge if you dare. All ages are welcome to compete. Teams can be made up of 4-5 persons and pre-registration is requested, but not required to Lori Haug 785-456-3123, or Rhonda Heinen at 785-410-2030. If you'd like to be on a team but don't have one, we can help you find one! There is no registration fee, but a free will offering will be taken for the local food pantries.

NOVEMBER 15 -- Salem Council meeting at 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

AXTELL ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA - Practices will be held every Sunday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Salem through December 4, 2022. The Axtell Ecumenical Christmas Cantata will be on the evening of December 11, 2022.

PRAYERS:

For all who suffer from illness: for Stan, Debbie, Peggy, Donna, Benny, Jim and all others we lift up in our hearts and minds.

***SALEM Stewardship message for the week of
October 23, 2022***

This is the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost “...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 18:14 Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things “gods” before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God’s incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.... ***Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!***

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Mission and Ministry Offerings were given and blessed at the 10/16/22 Sunday Worship service (in person and online): Total Offerings \$370.00 Designated* \$0.00, Mission/Ministry \$370.00. Blessings for the gifts and to the givers. Thank you for supporting Salem Lutheran ministries!

Offerings, Receipts and Reimbursements are all counted and reported by Salem’s Financial Secretary and then securely deposited and directly applied by

Fund Treasurers. Designated offerings are always given to/for the purpose stated.

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