

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Salem Lutheran Church

Axtell, Kansas

June 26, 2022

3rd 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 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 *LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

GOLD 87

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 Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST LESSON

I KINGS 19:15-16, 19-21

¹⁵ The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁹ So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. ²⁰ Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?" ²¹ So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

PSALM

PSALM 16

¹ Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.

² **I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."**

³ I say of the holy people who are in the land, "They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."

⁴ **Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.**

⁵ LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

⁶ **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.**

⁷ I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

⁸ **I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

¹⁰ **because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.**

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy

in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

SECOND LESSON

GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25

¹ It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. ¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. ¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

***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

LUKE 9:51-62

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

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down

from heaven to destroy them?" ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then he and his disciples went to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." ⁵⁹ He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." ⁶² Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY JESUS CALLS US O'ER THE TUMULT
LBW 494

***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 ***STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS***
LBW 389

***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!

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; Beverly Halliday for leading today's service; Lisa Broxterman – organist; Shirley Polson – pianist; Lori Haug – Lector.

Adult Sunday School is at 9 a.m.

June 26 - Noisy Can Offering for distribution to the Marshall and Nemaha County Food Pantries

Salem Lutheran Church, will be holding their annual **Ice Cream Social** on Sunday, June 26th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. They will be serving homemade and KSU ice cream with topping and desserts. Free-will donations will support the local Special Olympics.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES -- June 26 thru July 17--

School supplies donations and/or monetary donations to be used to purchase school supplies will be accepted. There will be a collection box in the narthex for purchased supplies. Monetary donations should be designated “school supplies” and placed in the offering plate or mailed to Salem Lutheran Church. The donations will be divided between the Axtell, Frankfort, and Seneca schools.

July 19 - 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

Annual Women of the Word Conference - September 17, 2022 will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1700 19th St., Harlan, IA 51537. For additional information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.

PRAYERS:

For all who suffer from illness: for Stan, Debbie, Peggy (Jones) Dial, Donna, Inez Swanson, Kelly Olson (Allen Olson’s wife), Rebecca and all others we lift up in our hearts and minds.

***SALEM Stewardship message for the week of
June 26, 2022***

Third Sunday after Pentecost *“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love.” Galatians 5:13.* We like to celebrate that we are free to “live the good life.” Should we do what we want, anytime we want, with no regard for others? Here is the answer to that - Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that by imitating Jesus we are freed from becoming a slave to our own self-interests and desires, so that we can serve one another. We are free to share our gifts and promote God’s work on earth to glorify His name, helping people in need. *In faith*

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Mission and Ministry Offerings were gifted and blessed **at the 6/19/22 Sunday Worship** service (in person and online): **Total Offerings** \$1,209.00, **Designated*** \$0.00, **Mission/Ministry** \$1,209.00 God bless the gifts and the givers. *Thank you for supporting Salem Lutheran ministries!*

The Salem Mission and Ministry annual mission/ministry 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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Salem’s website is at **<https://www.salemevangelicallutheran.church>** . See Worship

video's, Bulletins, and more. Do you have a question? Contact salemlc@bluevalley.net.

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