

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Salem Lutheran Church

Axtell, Kansas

August 7, 2022

9th Sunday after Pentecost

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 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 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* GOLD 515**

***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 Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your

grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST LESSON:

GENESIS 15:1-6

¹ After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”
² But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”
³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”
⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.”
⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”
⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

PSALM 33:12-22

¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.
¹³ **From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;**
¹⁴ from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—
¹⁵ **he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.**
¹⁶ No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.
¹⁷ **A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.**
¹⁸ But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
¹⁹ **to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.**
²⁰ We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
²¹ **In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.**
²² May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made

out of what was visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she^[a] considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. ¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

***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 LUKE 12:32-40

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have

them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

C Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHILDREN’S SERMON
SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY *Children of the Heavenly Father*

LBW 474

***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, *(Dave will say prayers)* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, *(Dave will say a prayer)* through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:
his 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. 76

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 Dave will say the prayer

C Amen

CLOSING HYMN

Come Gracious Spirit

LBW 475

***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: Dave Winquist, Parish

Ministry Associate for leading today's service, Lisa Broxterman – organist; Shirley Polson – pianist; Larry Swanson – Lector

Adult Sunday School is at 9 a.m.

August 16 - Salem Council meeting at 7 p.m.

August 28 - Noisy Can Offering for distribution to the Marshall and Nemaha County Food Pantries

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

CRAFT EXHIBIT -- As part of the celebration for Axtell's 150th birthday, Axtell Pride with St. Michael's Church sponsorship, is hosting a craft exhibit. We are inviting everyone to share a crafted item, e.g. quilts, embroidery, woodworking, paintings, metal work, weaving, photography, etc. to exhibit on Saturday, August 13th--The exhibit will open at 11:00 am & end at 6:00 pm. Come share your family story with a crafted item, no matter how old or recent, with the community. For more information, please contact Carla Bishop, call or text 785-539-5129 or email carla.kay.bishop@gmail.com. Volunteers to help with the event are needed, too.

Benefit Breakfast for the renovation of the Historic Frankfort Grade School on Sunday, August 7, at the Annunciation Cigna Center in Frankfort. We are serving eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, biscuits, gravy and sweets from 8-1. Free will offering. Everyone welcome!

PRAYERS:

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

**SALEM Stewardship message for the week of
August 7, 2022**

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost *“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” Luke 12:34* Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.”...*In faith*

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Mission and Ministry Offerings were gifted and blessed **at the 7/31/22 Sunday Worship** service (in person and online): **Total Offerings** \$871.50 **Designated*** \$50.50, **Mission/Ministry** \$821.00 Blessings for the gifts and to the givers. *Thank you for supporting Salem Lutheran ministries!*

The Salem annual mission/ministry plan is created by 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.

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