

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Salem Lutheran Church

Axtell, Kansas

**July 17, 2022
6th 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
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 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 *O For A Thousand Tongues* LBW 559**

***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 Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 18:1-10A

1 The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. **2** Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. **3** He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. **4** Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. **5** Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.” “Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.” **6** So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.” **7** Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. **8** He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. **9** “Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him. “There, in the tent,” he said. **10** Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

PSALM 15

1 LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?

2 **The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;**

3 whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others;

4 **who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;**

5 who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not

accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. ²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. ²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

*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 10:38-42**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" ⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Let Us Break Bread Together*

GOLD 564

***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, (Davee 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: This 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. 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**

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 HYMNBeautiful Savior*

LBW 518

***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.

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, Shirley Polson--organist; Tom Schroeder--Lector

Adult Sunday School is at 9 a.m.

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 is a 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.

SALEM COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 19 at 7 p.m.

JULY 31 – NOISY CAN OFFERING for distribution to the Marshall and Nemaha County Food Pantries

HIGHWAY 36 GARAGE SALES – Salem Council has voted that Salem will not participate in this event this year.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Each Thursday, 7 am, 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.

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.

HEARTLAND DISTRICT ANNUAL GATHERING - The 2022

Heartland District Annual Conference will be held July 29 & 30, 2022 at Immanuel Lutheran Church 216 W. Main St. Ceresco Nebraska. The keynote speaker on Saturday will be Dave Drum from Tucson, AZ talking about developing fellowship among our congregations. For additional info, please see the flyer on the narthex bulletin board.

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 July 17, 2022

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost “...I am a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God.” Colossians 1:25 We are all called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises....*In faith*

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Mission and Ministry Offerings were gifted and blessed ***at the 7/10/22 Sunday Worship*** service (in person and online): ***Total Offerings \$1,103.42, Designated* \$0.00, Mission/Ministry \$1,103.42*** Blessings for the gifts and 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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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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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.
- **Our online giving links?** Salem Lutheran partners with **Vanco Payment Solutions** – an industry leader giving faith-based organizations secure and specialized electronic payment solutions. Connect to Salem website at **<https://www.salemevangelicallutheran.church>** for Offerings and Gifts, then options. Thank you!

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