

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Salem Lutheran Church

Axtell, Kansas

**July 24, 2022
7th 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 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 *Come We That Love the Lord* - GOLD 550

***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 Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our

conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST LESSON:

GENESIS 18:20-32

²⁰ Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹ that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know." ²² The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³ Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" ²⁶ The Lord said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸ what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?" "If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it." ²⁹ Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?" He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there." ³¹ Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?" He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

PSALM 138

¹ I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses**

your fame.

³ When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

⁴ **May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.**

⁵ May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.

⁶ **Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.

⁸ **The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 2:6-19

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. ⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. ¹⁶ Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person

also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. ¹⁹ They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

***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 11:1-13

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." ² He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation." ⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. ⁹ "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*
LBW 559

***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**

God of Grace

LBW 415

***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; Pastor Jeff Swanson for leading today's service; Lisa Broxterman--organist; Shirley Polson--pianist; Dennis Droge--Lector.

Adult Sunday School is at 9 a.m.

JULY 31 – 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, from 12 noon to 5:00 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 24, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost *“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Luke 11:9* Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take

care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want more. Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Generosity is a gift that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God....*In faith*

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Mission and Ministry Offerings were gifted and blessed **at the 7/17/22 Sunday Worship** service (in person and online): **Total Offerings \$1,532.00 Designated* \$20.00, Mission/Ministry \$1,512.00** 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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