

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Salem Lutheran Church

Axtell, Kansas

July 31, 2022

8th 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**

Spirit of God

LBW 486

***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 Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is

precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST LESSON ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

² "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless." ¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! ¹⁴ I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind. ¹⁸ I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. ¹⁹ And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. ²⁰ So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. ²¹ For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. ²² What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? ²³ All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

PSALM 49:1-12

¹ Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world,

² **both low and high, rich and poor alike:**

³ My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the meditation of my heart will give you understanding.

⁴ **I will turn my ear to a proverb; with the harp I will expound my riddle:**

⁵ Why should I fear when evil days come, when wicked deceivers surround me—

⁶ **those who trust in their wealth and boast of their great riches?**

⁷ No one can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for them—

⁸ **the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough—**

⁹ so that they should live on forever and not see decay.

¹⁰ For all can see that the wise die, that the foolish and the senseless also perish, leaving their wealth to others.

¹¹ Their tombs will remain their houses forever, their dwellings for endless generations, though they had named lands after themselves.

¹² People, despite their wealth, do not endure; they are like the beasts that perish.

SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

***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 12:13-21**

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

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ ¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.” ²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ ²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* **LBW 327**

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

Gracious God, *(David 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. 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 Beverly will say the prayer

C Amen

CLOSING HYMN

Trust and Obey

GOLD 454

***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; Beverly Halliday for leading today's service; Lisa Broxterman – organist; Shirley Polson – pianist; John Polson – 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 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.

Axtell Days T-Shirts

T-shirts commemorating Axtell's 150th birthday are available at the State Bank of Axtell, while supplies last. Cost is \$15 per shirt, children & adult sizes.

A Piece of Axtell History

Original newspapers of the Axtell Standard, the Axtell Anchor, or the Axtell Visitor, published during the late 1800's to the early 1900's are available for free. The newspapers will be at St. Michael's basement during the Craft Exhibit on 8/13/2022. The papers are fragile and should be kept flat for transporting. Plastic bags will be available. The newspapers are suitable for framing or any other crafty project idea. When the projects are completed, please post on the Axtell Pride so all can enjoy.

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, Donna, Kelly, Rebecca, Larry and all others we lift up in our hearts and minds.

Salem Lutheran’s 2022 Stewardship message for the week of July 31, 2022

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost *“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” Luke 12:15* The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our “invisible” gifts like love, mercy and forgiveness. True joy comes from “emptying” ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”...*In faith*

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Mission and Ministry Offerings were gifted and blessed **at the 7/24/22 Sunday Worship** service (in person and online): **Total Offerings \$505.00 Designated* \$0.00, Mission/Ministry \$505.00** 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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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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- **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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