

**SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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*Salem Lutheran Church*

*Axtell, Kansas*

**September 18, 2022  
15th 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

*Blessed Assurance*

GOLD 67

**\*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 Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. Grant this,**

**we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON**

**AMOS 8:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, <sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, <sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?” <sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

## **PSALM 113**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

**<sup>2</sup>Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.

**<sup>4</sup>The LORD is high above all nations,** and his glory above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

**<sup>6</sup>He takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**

<sup>7</sup>He sets them with the princes, with the princes of his people.

**<sup>8</sup>He makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

**1 Timothy 2:1–7**

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was

appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

**\*ALLELUIA VERSE**

**LBW P. 62**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\*GOSPEL LUKE 16:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. <sup>10</sup>One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON  
SERMON**

**\*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***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

**\*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 bloodshed 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** Don will say the prayer

**C** Amen

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

**GOLD 98**

**\*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!



**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 Winqvist, Parish Ministry Associate; Don Koester for leading today's service; Lisa Broxterman--organist; Shirley Polson--pianist; Jeff Martin -- Lector.

**Adult Sunday School** is at 9 a.m.

**September 20 - Salem Council meeting** at 7 p.m.

**September 25 – 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**

**AXTELL ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA** - We are encouraging singers from all over the area to sing in the cantata. This year we are singing **ALL IS WELL** by Michael Barrett & David Angerman. Blending traditional carols with contemporary Christian selections, this cantata has something

for everyone! Practices will begin October 2 and be held every Sunday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. through December 4, 2022 at Salem Lutheran Church. The **Axtell Ecumenical Christmas Cantata** will be at Salem Lutheran Church on the evening of December 11, 2022 starting at 7 p.m. If you have any questions, please email Pauline Swanson at [salemlc@bluevalley.net](mailto:salemlc@bluevalley.net)

### **Axtell Pride Craft Show**

The annual craft show, hosted by Axtell Pride, is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2022 at the American Legion Community Building from 9am to 2pm. There are booth spaces available for interested vendors. Contact Sharon Luttjohann, if interested; 785.736.2395(h), 785.220.2425(c), or [sharon\\_e15@yahoo.com](mailto:sharon_e15@yahoo.com). Thank you.

### **Axtell Pride Bake Sale**

As part of the craft show festivities, Axtell Pride also hosts a bake sale. Calling on all bakers in the community to donate their time & talent in baked goods to be sold at the craft show. Contact Carla Bishop with information re: your donation at [carla.kay.bishop@gmail.com](mailto:carla.kay.bishop@gmail.com) or 785.539.5129(c), or 785.736.2278(h). Thank you.

### **PRAYERS:**

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

### ***SALEM Stewardship message for the week of September 18, 2022***

***This is the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*** “No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth).” Luke 16:13. Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run “neck and neck” as top priority. Is money a “god” that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Worship every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need....*In faith*

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**Mission and Ministry Offerings** were given and blessed **at the 9/11/22 Sunday Worship service** (in person and online): **Total Offerings \$2,115.00 Designated\* \$00.00, Mission/Ministry \$2,115.00.** Blessings for the gifts and to the givers. Designated offerings were to the area food pantries. 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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**The Salem website is**

**<https://www.salemevangelicallutheran.church>**. See Worship and Church video's, Bulletins, and more. Come read our pages or contact us at **[salemic@bluevalley.net](mailto:salemic@bluevalley.net)**.

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