

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Salem Lutheran Church

Axtell, Kansas

**September 4, 2022
13th 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 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways*

LBW 429

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 us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and

ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

PSALM 1

- ¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,
- ² **but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.**
- ³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.
- ⁴ **Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- ⁶ **For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

SECOND LESSON

PHILEMON 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— ² also to Apphia our

sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home: ³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. ⁷ Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people. ⁸ Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹ yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— ¹⁰ that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. ¹³ I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. ¹⁵ Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— ¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰ I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

***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 Luke 14:25-33

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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 Dave will say the prayer

C Amen

CLOSING HYMN *O Master Let Me Walk With Thee
LBW 492

***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 Winqvist, Parish Ministry Associate; Dave Winqvist for leading today's service; Lisa Broxterman--organist; Shirley Polson--pianist; Sharmon Polson--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

ANNUNCIATION CHURCH in Frankfort will be holding its annual picnic on **Saturday, September 10th**. Come and enjoy a Roast Beef Dinner. Serving will be from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$14.00, Children 5-10 \$6.00. There will be games and activities for all ages including a raffle, quilt and silent auction. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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

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 4, 2022.***

This is the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost “Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:33 When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples...*In faith*

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Mission and Ministry Offerings were given and blessed **at the 8/28/22 Sunday Worship service** (in person and online): **Total Offerings \$1,160.00 Designated* \$121.00, Mission/Ministry \$1,281.00.** 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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