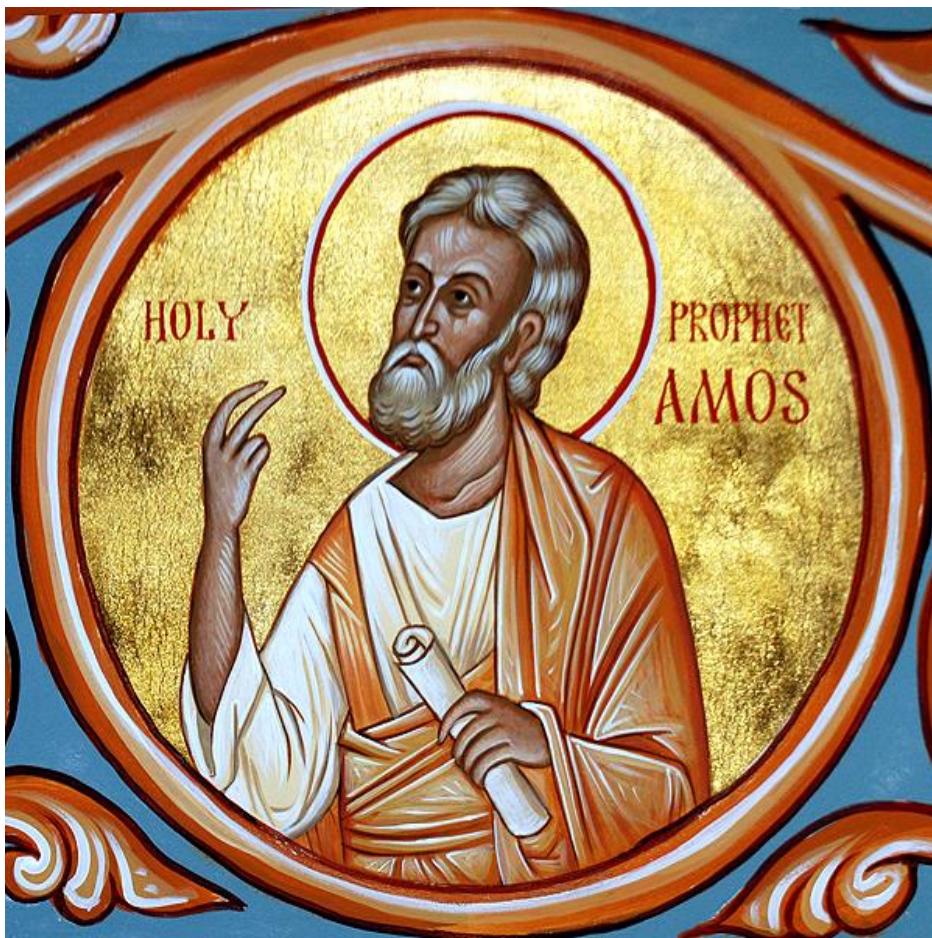


SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENVER

*“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”*



July 21st, 2024

Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

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**All are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For those who will listen, let them hear: God will speak
peace

**All: to God's people, to God's faithful, to those who turn
to God in their hearts.**

One: God's salvation is at hand

All: for those who fear God.

One: When our living is right in God's eyes, when justice
makes a path for God's steps,

All: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet.

One: Righteousness and peace kiss each other.

All: Faithfulness springs up from the ground.

One: Justice looks down from the sky.

All: The LORD gives what is good.

One: Our land yields in abundance.

All: God's glory dwells among us. AMEN.

— written by Leslie Ann Billhimer Frye.

UNISON PRAYER

O Lord, be gracious to us. Look upon your people with mercy. Forgive our sin. Bring us back again, as you have done before. Speak your word to us— a word of peace to those who follow faithfully. For we know, without doubt, that Your salvation is near; your glory fills this place. Let your unfailing love and truth come together among us; let your righteousness and peace surround us. Pour out your goodness upon us that we may worship and serve you all our days. Amen!

*OPENING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* NCH #436

FIRST READING

Psalm 85:8-13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SECOND READING

Amos 7:7-15

FAMILY MOMENT

MESSAGE

PASTOR DUSTIN

HYMN OF RESPONSE *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* NCH #27

OFFERING MEDITATION

*DOXOLOGY

NCH#780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that Love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

NCH #488

*BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE



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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Tuesday – join us on zoom for **Bible Study**, at 10 AM.

The word of the day is ... **staycation**. Someone created this word to acknowledge a vacation at home. could be your own backyard. often it means you are the tourist in your city or region. it's fun to pack a picnic, and just go. remember to take a lot of pictures.

Wednesday- Coffee and Conversation, 9 AM, Detour Bakery
Finance and Property, 10:30–Noon, church library
Community Meal, 6 PM, Community Hall

Sunday – Worship 9:30 AM **Congregational Meeting**, 10:45 AM

Announcements:

Don't forget about the **congregational meeting following worship on July 28th**. Our work during that meeting will mostly be focused on the mid-year financial review. Please take time to look over the financial documents that went out this time last week and let the Finance and Property team know in advance if you have specific questions - this way we hope to be able to present complete information at the meeting. The meeting packet (financials + other documents) will go out this weekend.

Please keep our September celebration dates in mind! **September 14th and 15th will be our Fall Kickoff weekend and 140th-anniversary celebration**. Plans are still in progress, but we anticipate a Saturday evening event and a special Sunday with present and former clergy participating in worship. Come and celebrate with us and bring friends new and old!

Salem History

“The Spirit of Christmas Past”

The Christmas holidays have always provided occasion for fellowship and good fun at Salem as this excerpt from the altar society's records of 1912 attests:

“Our Third Annual Banquet was held on the evening of December 28th, 1912. It was a guessing game from beginning to end and kept all who attended on the qui vive all evening.

“Promptly at 8:15 the guessing began. Each one present was handed a strip of paper with a nursery rhyme written on it and was asked to try their skill at illustrating the rhyme. The illustrations, all perfectly wonderful specimens of the art of sketching, were then pinned around the room with the verses removed and everybody given an opportunity to guess their more or less obscure meaning. Of the 18 illustrations, Mrs. Schmidt and the Pastor each had 14 correct and received an elegant prize.

“A table with packages and bundles of various shapes and sizes was then placed in the doorway leading to the dining room. Everyone thought we were going to hear a demonstration of the inexplicable intricacies of the weights, zones, and dimensions of the new parcel post which has come to bring its blessings and worries into our already over-blessed and super-harassed lives. But, instead, Mr. Kennedy appeared in the garb of an auctioneer and began praising

his wares; asking the ladies and gentlemen to bid for them with the beans each one had been supplied with.

“The first article offered was ‘a gay deceiver,’ and proved to be a set of complexion articles from Scholz’s drugstore. There followed ‘Roosevelt’s early home’ - a toy cradle; ‘the tie that binds’ – a diamond ring; ‘acent’ -a bottle of perfume; ‘for emergencies- a toy bottle; and others too numerous to mention.

“The most spirited contest of the auction was carried on by the young ladies over the package marked ‘pleasant, moonlit night’, which proved to be a ‘spoon’. The married woman bid boisterously on ‘an imitation of the real thing’, the buyer being awarded a baby doll. Everybody kept the auctioneer busy bidding on the ‘American National Bank’ – a woman’s stocking.”