

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2021

Welcome to Our Guests!
Who is God? What does he do? In our current series, we will focus on Bible Stories that show God working in the lives of his people. He's certainly had an impact on their lives as well as our own. We will see more of who God is by what he has done out of his tender love and care. Let's go through these stories and learn about God together.

We are glad to have you here! If you have any questions regarding our services, weekly programs, Lutheran elementary school, or preschool, please talk with us or call the office at your convenience. Any of us would be glad to talk with you. We look forward to meeting you. Please come again soon and worship with us.

- 🔊 **Restrooms** are located at the end of the hallway leading away from the narthex.
- 🔊 **Cry-room** If you have a young child or nursing infant and are in need of a cry-room, you will find it across from the rest rooms. A television there allows you to watch the service.
- 🔊 **Connection Cards** We ask everyone, guests and members, to fill out the connection card that is available on the website. We care about you and this is the easiest way for us to stay in contact with you and our fellow believers who might have missed worship. There are also spots on the connection card for prayer requests and questions you might have. We love to read them and share in your struggles, praises, and questions as a family in Christ!
- 🔊 Salem is equipped with an induction loop system, so please switch your hearing aid to T-coil to use it.
- 🔊 Here at Salem we follow the Christian practice of close communion. **Out of love for people's souls, we want to make sure** that people realize what they receive in this sacrament. Communing together is our statement that we all confess and believe the same things. God has entrusted our pastors with the care of every soul that worships with us. We ask that those who are not members of Salem (or a congregation in fellowship with us) to please refrain from taking communion with us until you have spoken with one of our pastors. We ask this because the welfare of your soul is important to us too. We would be happy to answer all of your questions about this precious sacrament. Please come and talk with us!



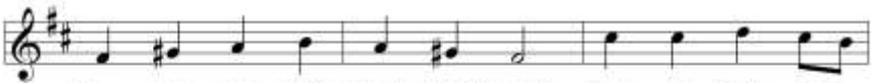
Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd



1 Gra - cious Sav - ior, gen - tle Shep - herd, Chil - dren all are
 2 Ten - der Shep - herd, nev - er leave them, Nev - er let them
 3 By your ho - ly Word in - struct them; Fill their minds with
 4 Taught to love the ho - ly prais - es Which on earth your



dear to you; May your lov - ing arms en - fold them
 go a - stray; By your warn - ing love di - rect - ed,
 heav'n - ly light. By your pow'r - ful grace con - vince them
 chil - dren sing, With their lips and hearts, sin - cere - ly,



In your care their whole life through, Gent - ly tend and
 May they walk the nar - row way, Thus di - rect them,
 Al - ways to ap - prove what's right, Let them feel your
 Glad thank - of - f'rings may they bring, Then with all the



safe - ly keep them In your mer - cy strong and true.
 thus de - fend them Lest they fall an eas - y prey.
 yoke is eas - y; Let them find your bur - den light.
 saints in glo - ry Join to praise their Lord and King.

Text: Jane E. Leeson, 1809-81, abr., adapt., alt.

Tune: SIEH, HIER BIN ICH, EHRENKÖNIG (87 87 87) *Geistreiches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1698.

P: In the Name of our Triune God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

C: Bless our worship of You today. Amen.

P: Let us pray to our merciful and almighty God opening our hearts before Him and asking Him to cleanse us of all sin and wrongdoing.

C: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in Your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring Your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before You. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide Your face from me, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Change My Heart, O God". It consists of six staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves are identical: "Change my heart, oh God. Make it ev-er true." The next two staves are also identical: "Change my heart, oh God. May I be like You." The final two staves are identical: "You are the pot - ter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray."

P: Jesus says to His people, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe Christ is my Savior from sin and the only Way to heaven.

P: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins by the power and might of Christ. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

C: O Lord, my God, I called to You for help, and You answered me. I thank You for the love You have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through Him You have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve You and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

First Lesson: Exodus 7:8-13 (NIV)

Aaron's Staff Becomes a Snake

8 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 9 “When Pharaoh says to you, ‘Perform a miracle,’ then say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,’ and it will become a snake.”

10 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. 11 Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts: 12 Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. 13 Yet Pharaoh's heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as

Song of Praise

Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa - ther let us bring
Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion. To him through ev - er - last-ing days
Be wor-ship, hon-or, pow'r, and praise Whose hand sus-tains cre-a - tion.
Sing - ing, Ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly. Spread the sto - ry
Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.

Gospel: John 6:51-58 (NIV)

Many Disciples Desert Jesus

60 On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

61 Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? 62 Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! 63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. 64 Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. 65 He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

66 From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

67 “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

68 Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Children’s Message



Choir and Congregation:

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong.

Choir: When I was just a child, I was surrounded by the people who loved me. And they taught me a song, and when I sang along I knew Jesus loved me. A simple song of faith, it taught me I could pray to the One who was strong. This was my song for life.

But then as I grew, the song was crowded out by all kinds of music. And I would drift away, and would forget the way the song once had moved me. It still was in my soul. In times of trouble, the words whispered to me. I listened and returned back to the truth I learned, back to where I belonged. This is my song for life.

The years may change my voice, but still I'll sing the song my teachers have taught me. Though many years will pass, the simple words of truth will live deep within me. I'm still a child at heart, I need to know Jesus loves me forever. I'll sing it all my days. I'll sing it all my days 'til Jesus shows the way to heaven, I'll sing forever for this is my song, this is my song for life.

Choir and Congregation:

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.

Yes, Jesus loves, the Bible tells me so.

Choir: This is my song, this is my song for life.

Hymn: (5:00 pm & 8:00 am)

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Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying



1 Hark! The voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is



go and work to - day? Fields are ripe and har - vests
can - not preach like Paul, You can tell the love of
high on Zi - on's wall, Point - ing out the path to
noth - ing I can do," While the mul - ti - tudes are



wait - ing; Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
Je - sus; You can say he died for all.
heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,
dy - ing, And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re -
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the
With your prayers and with your of - f'nings You can
Take the task he gives you glad - ly; Let his



ward he of - fers thee. Who will an - swer, glad - ly
Judg - ment's dread a - larms, You can lead the lit - tle
do what God de - mands; You can be like faith - ful
work your plea - sure be. An - swer quick - ly when he



say - ing, "Here am I— send me, send me?"
chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands,
call - eth, "Here am I— send me, send me!"

Text: Daniel March, 1816–1909, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; unknown, st. 3, alt.
Tune: GALILEAN (87 87 D) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.

Message:



Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Thank Offering

The members of Salem give an offering in honor of all God has done for us, and to support God's mission within our congregation and beyond. If you have an offering, you can drop it in the basket on the table in the back of church as you leave. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to support this ministry. You are our guest. Welcome!

We would love to make a meaningful connection with you. Please take one of the connection cards in the pew or follow the link to the electronic card and fill it out. You can drop the card in the offering basket on the way out. Thank you!



Installation of:

Daniel Bredendick, 5th & 6th Grade Teacher

Tom Stob, 3rd Grade Teacher

Michelle Stob, Upper Grade Teacher

Recommitment of Salem Teachers

Prayer Requests and Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

We Receive the Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever!

Revelation 5:13

Holy, Holy, Holy

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al -
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al -
might - y! Day and night we join to praise Your
might - y! We re-joyce to join the hymns Of
love and maj - es - ty. You a - lone are
earth and sky and sea. Gen - er - a - tions
ho - ly, wor - thy, and righ - teous.
praise You, with saints and an - gels.
God in three per - sons, bless-ed Trin - i - ty!
Ho - ly and bless'd through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The Words of Institution Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Lamb of God



O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins a-way—
Our faith in - crease. Have mer - cy on us all,
Strength - en us when we fall, An - swer our
fer - vent call And grant us peace.

The Distribution & Blessing

Refrain:

Jesus This do in remembrance of me;

Keep this feast and together we'll be.

This do in remembrance of me;

Till you come to my kingdom.

This is my body, broken for you,

Take and eat in remembrance of me.

Broken that you might rise up from death

Into a life everlasting.

Refrain

This is my blood, I shed it for you.

Take and drink in remembrance of me.

Shed that you might rise up from death

Into a life everlasting.

Refrain

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The Blessing

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

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I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus

1. I pray you, dear Lord Je - sus, My heart to keep and train That
2. I thank you, dear Lord Je - sus For tea - chers faith - ful, true. For
3. I praise you, dear Lord Je - sus, For man - y years of grace. You've
4. I ask you, dear Lord Je - sus, pre - serve the work done here. Let

I your ho - ly tem - ple From youth to age re - main. Oh,
time they spend in bring - ing their stu - dents close to you. Keep
fed us with your Gos - pel, and much more in this place. The
your Word keep and streng - then the faith I hold so dear. Help

turn my thoughts for - ev - er From world - ly wis - dom's lore; If
pour - ing out your Spir - it, and as the years roll on May
treasure of sal - va - tion you've stored in jars of clay. Let
all your faith - ful wor - kers to do their tasks in love. And

I but learn to know you, I shall not want for more.
man - y more be taught here, our daugh - ters and our sons.
your light shine with - in me. Please nev - er go a - way!
take me home one day, Lord, to your bright throne a - bove.

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What's going on this week at Salem

- Sun, 9/12** 8 am Communion - Pastor Schram
9:15 am Education Hour
10:30 am Communion - Pastor Schram
- Mon, 9/13** 6:30 pm Starting Point Bible Information Class
- Tues, 9/14** 10:10 am Bible Support Group
6:30 pm Council Committee Meetings
- Wed, 9/15** 9:30 am Chapel
6 pm Grow in Grace Confirmation Class
- 9/17 - 9/19** Men's Retreat at Camp Croix
- Sat, 9/18** 5 pm Worship - Pastor Ziemer
- Sun, 9/19** 8 am Worship - Pastor Ziemer
9:15 am Education Hour/Special Presentation
10:30 am Worship - Pastor Ziemer

May God Bless Your Week!

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week in the amount of \$15,158.76 for Current Expenses and \$828.00 for Missions. We pray God will bless us again this week.

EFT or credit card service is available for giving on the mobile-friendly page of salemlutheran.org/donate

Stewardship Update

The 2020-21 fiscal year recently came to a close and total offerings were up 3.7% over the prior year. Given the impact of the pandemic on worship attendance, this was a wonderful blessing from God! The past three months, May through July, we've seen a downward trend in offerings. It's easy to assume the decline is due to summertime seasonality. However, each of the past three months were less than the previous year's offerings. The number of families giving each month is also declining on an annual basis. This is definitely something we need to pray about. Salem's school is also blessed with a growing enrollment. The enrollment growth comes with a responsibility. As a church we subsidize approximately 45% of each student's tuition. This year's salaries and benefits for teachers, due to growth and merit increases, will increase approximately \$116,000 over last year. Tuition revenue will only cover a portion of the added expense. The rest is our responsibility. More detailed financial information will be available soon to give us a clearer picture. In the mean time, please prayerfully consider what the Lord has given you to manage and if you are able to increase

your gifts to support our ministry. If you have questions, please contact Brian Shult: (218) 348-0063 or bshult@gmail.com.

Special Speaker Next Weekend!

In an effort to get to know our closest fellow WELS' church better and to hear a fascinating topic discussed, on September 18 & 19, we will hear from Rev. Paul Ziemer. Rev. Ziemer is the vacancy pastor at St. John's - Baytown. Rev. Ziemer is the WELS national Civilian Chaplain. He will conduct all of the weekend services at Salem. He will do a presentation between services. The presentation topic will be an outline of the work of the Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSO). This group, made up of over 350 congregations and countless individuals, works to share Christian fellowship and support with members of our military - and their loved ones. Members from St. John's - Baytown are also being invited to join us for the weekend. Pastor Schram will do the Service at St. John's for the Sunday that Rev. Ziemer is at Salem. If you notice visitors please greet them and welcome them for their visit.

Livestream and Slide Help Needed

We need your help to continue to make our livestream possible. Volunteers are needed to help with the Livestream video and slideshow. It is a one hour commitment once a month to once a quarter during the Saturday evening service for cameras or slideshow and Sunday service for slideshow only. These are very user friendly programs that can be run by anyone ages 13 to 99. (This is a great opportunity for a youth and parent combo) We are happy to show anyone interested, to see if it is something you would like to help with. Please consider helping us to ensure we are able to continue offering our Livestream services. Contact Sara Shah at sshah@salemlutheran.org or 651-334-1901 with questions.



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