

July 10, 2022

elcome to Our Guests!

Jesus' mission and the purpose of his journey was not to gain an earthly crown. Throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus makes clear that this world was not his real home. He teaches that this world is not our real home either. Jesus is focused on heaven. His mission is to get us there by going to Jerusalem and making the ultimate sacrifice to pay for our sin. Nothing would stop him. "He set his face like flint," Isaiah tells us (50:7). Jesus was focused.

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.

◆ Connection Cards We ask everyone, guests and members, to fill out the connection card that that is available in the pews or 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!



communion 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!

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: In that name, and with that faith—as dear children approaching a loving parent, as sinners redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, as believers filled with the Holy Spirit—let us confess our sins to God.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have lived for ourselves, denied our relationship with you, excluded ourselves from the family. We are helpless and alone. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

P: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." *John 3:16* Rejoice in the Lord; your sins are forgiven—in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Prayer of the Day

P: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Ruth 1:1-19a (NIV)

Naomi Loses Her Husband and Sons

1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. 2 The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

3 Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. 4 They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, 5 both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

Naomi and Ruth Return to Bethlehem

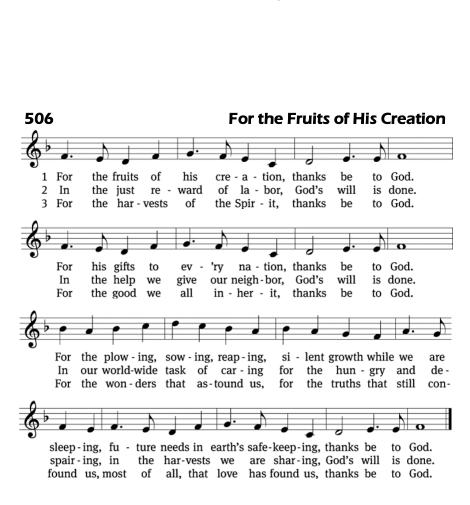
6 When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. 7 With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

8 Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. 9 May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud 10 and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

11 But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? 12 Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—13 would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord's hand has turned against me!"

- 14 At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-inlaw goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.
- 15 "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."
- 16 But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." 18 When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.
 - 19 So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.



Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1,13-25 (NIV)

5 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. *Life by the Spirit*

13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.



Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself."

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Children's Message





Message:



Focused Love Finds A Neighbor Rather Than Avoiding One

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 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. Thank you!

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: The love of the Father calls us to his table, where we remember the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, who gave his own life that we may have the full assurance of God's love and mercy forever. As we receive Christ in this meal, the bread--his body, the wine--his blood, we remember and we thank him for his love.

Holy, Holy, Holy

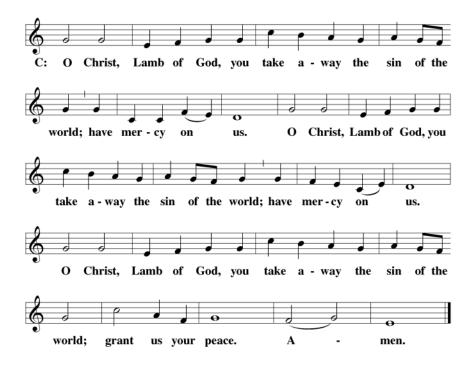


The Words of Institution Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

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

C: Amen.

Lamb of God



Distribution

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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What's Going on This Week

Sun, 7/10 8 am Communion - Pastor Schram

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4 pm Pastor Installation 5 pm Installation Dinner

Tues, 7/12 10:10 am Bible Support Group

6:30 pm Council Committee Meetings

7 pm Open Evangelism Meeting

Sun, 7/17 8 am Worship - Pastor Enter

9:30 am Worship - Pastor Ente

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week in the amount of \$10,873.17 for Current Expenses and \$782.90 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

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 during the Sunday service. These are very user friendly programs that can be run by anyone ages 13 to 99. 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.

Worship Coordinator

Salem is looking to hire a Worship Coordinator. This position would be about 20 hrs per week - you would be required to work on weekends. This position would pay approximately \$15 per hour. More specifics are available on request. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Pastor Jake (jschram@salemlutheran.org).

Job Openings

Salem is still looking for three job positions this coming year at Salem. We are looking for a teacher's aide for first grade and second grade. This position would be for six hours a day Monday through Friday. Pay would start at \$15 an hour with yearly raises. A job description is available upon request.

We are also looking for help with the K-8 After Care program. The position pays \$30 a session. After Care goes from 3:30pm-5pm. This involves helping students with some homework if capable, and watching them as they play games in the cafeteria, outside on the playground, or in the gym.

If you would like to apply or know someone who would make a good fit, please reach out to Mr. Klatt (rklatt@salemlutheran.org) for more details.

Red Cross Blood Drive - August 8

Salem will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, August 8th from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Salem Gym. Please schedule a time to donate at <u>redcrossblood.org</u> or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). One pint of blood can help save 3 people, what a wonderful gift! Please consider being a blood donor!.

Open Evangelism Meeting

The Evangelism committee will be having another Open Evangelism Meeting on Tuesday, July 12, at 7:00 in the fireside room. Anyone who is interested in helping Salem spread the Gospel story of Christ's Salvation is welcome to come support this ministry.



Just a reminder that when you come to church for communion, please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex so that the Vestrymen know how many elements to prepare for communion! We appreciate your help!

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 cryroom, you will find it across from the rest rooms. A television there allows you to watch the service.

Hearing Support

Salem is equipped with an induction loop system, so please switch your hearing aid to T-coil to use it.



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