



July 17, 2022

W 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 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!

LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE!
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🔗 **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.

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



1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day;
2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way. ___
drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth. ___
Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care, ___
Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand, ___
dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.

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 have been unworthy and disobedient children. We have ignored our Father's admonitions, disregarded our Savior's instructions, and grieved the Holy Spirit. We are not worthy to be called children of God. But we beg you--of your fatherly compassion, by your saving work, at your inviting call--to have mercy on us and grant us your forgiveness.

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* To those who believe in Jesus Christ, the heavenly Father gives the Holy Spirit that they may be called children of God. 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.



3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;
death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain can
touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; 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: Genesis 18:1-14 (NIV)

The Son of Promise

18 Then the Lord appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. 2 So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, 3 and said, “My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. 4 Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant.”

They said, “Do as you have said.”

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and make cakes.” 7 And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave it to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it. 8 So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

9 Then they said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?”

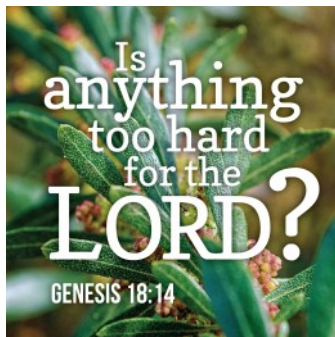
So he said, “Here, in the tent.”

10 And He said, “I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son.”

(Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind

him.) 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. 12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, “After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?”

13 And the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?’ 14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”





1 Still, my soul, be still and do not fear though winds of
 2 Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved by less - er
 3 Still, my soul, be still; do not for - sake the truth you



change may rage to - mor - row. God is at your side;
 lights and fleet - ing shad - ows. Hold on to his ways
 learned in the be - gin - ning. Wait up-on the Lord



no long - er dread the fires of un - ex - pect - ed sor - row.
 with shield of faith a - gainst temp - ta - tion's flam - ing ar - rows.
 and hope will rise as stars ap - pear when day is dim - ming.

Refrain



God, you are my God, and I will trust in you and not be



shak - en. Lord of peace, re - new a stead - fast spir - it with - in



me to rest in you a - lone, to rest in you a - lone.

Gospel: John 11:21-27, 38-45 (NIV)

21 Now Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.”

23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

24 Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

27 She said to Him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

Lazarus Raised from the Dead

38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.”

40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” 41 Then they took away the stone [c] from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.” 43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”

45 Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.

Children’s Message

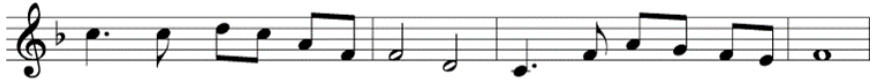


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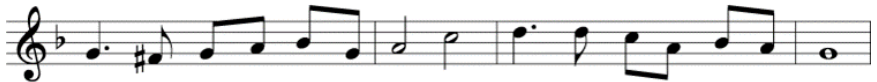
What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

Message:



Focused Faith Trusts God's Timing

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.

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.

I Know My Faith Is Founded



1 I know my faith is found - ed on Je - sus Christ, my
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, for Sa - tan seeks by
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; and this my faith con - fess - ing, un -
 night and day to rob me of this trea - sure and
 grief, and pain should seek to o - ver - whelm me, let



moved I stand up - on his Word. Our rea - son can - not
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with you be -
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain. And then at my de -



fath - om the truth of God pro - found; who trusts in world - ly
 side me I shall be un - dis - mayed; and led by your good
 par - ture, at home with you I'll be, and there will I in -



wis - dom re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with
 her - it all you have prom - ised me. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, it makes di - vine - ly sure, and,
 me, O Sav - ior, a firm - er faith be - stow; then
 death, Lord, keep me un - til your heav'n I gain, where



trust - ing in its wis - dom, my faith shall rest se - cure.
 I shall bid de - fi - ance to ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
 I by your great mer - cy the end of faith at - tain.

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What's Going on This Week

Sun, 7/17	8 am Worship - Pastor Enter 9:30 am Worship - Pastor Enter
Tues, 7/19	10:10 am Bible Support Group 6:30 pm Council Meeting
Sun, 7/24	8 am Worship - Pastor Wolfe 9:30 am Worship - Pastor Wolfe

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week in the amount of \$13,247.49 for Current Expenses and \$991.92 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

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 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 (rklat@salemlutheran.org) for more details.

Quarterly Voters Meeting - August 7, 2022 following the 9:30 am Service. All Voters expected, and all others are welcome to attend

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 redcrossblood.org 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!

Dear members of Salem congregation, Cheri and I want to express our thanks for the many ways you shared greetings with cards and Facebook posts as I marked 50 years in the ministry. We also rejoice with you that Pastor Ryan Wolfe has joined the ministry there and wish him the Lord's richest blessing. As the Apostle Paul concluded his third chapter to the Ephesians: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Pastor and Cheri Birkholz

Rejoice

On Sunday mornings when members & visitors enter our church doors, it brings joy. Thank God by signing up to greet them at the door. The sign-up sheet is on the back table. Of course, we can all be welcomers by watching for visitors & getting acquainted. Good Morning!



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