





July 24, 2022

W elcome to Our Guests!

In a sense, prayer comes naturally to us. We want something so we ask. We hurt in some way so we cry out. We are blessed, so we give thanks. We often define prayer as “speaking to God from the heart.” It would seem easy, but the kind of focused pray God wants for us does not come naturally. We need focus when it comes to the foundation of our prayers. We pray based entirely on the unearned relationship we have have with God, our Father. We also need focus when it comes to the content of our prayers. Yes, we speak from the heart and ask for anything we want, but our Father invites us to pray specifically for the things he wants to give us. Prayer is an opportunity to ask God for what he wants, not the other way around. Along with Jesus’ disciples in our Gospel lesson today we say, “Lord, teach us to pray.”

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!



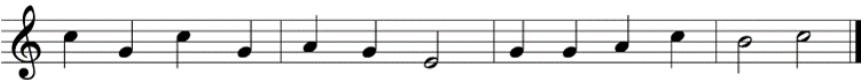
1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
 2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, praise and ad - o - ra - tion.
 3 With your Sav - ior at your side foes need not a - larm you;
 4 If your task is thus be - gun with the Sav - ior's bless - ing,



For his aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
 On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; he is your sal - va - tion.
 in his prom - is - es con - fide and no ill can harm you.
 safe - ly then your course will run, naught your soul dis - tress - ing.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, and, when day is end - ed,
 Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
 All your trust and hope re - pose in the might - y Mas - ter,
 Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where while you here must wan - der;



in his name then close your eyes; be to him com - mend - ed.
 save you from the tempt - er's might, with his pres - ence cheer you.
 who in wis - dom tru - ly knows how to stem dis - as - ter.
 you at last the joy will share in the man - sions yon - der.

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: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

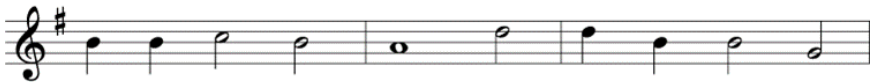
C: Amen.

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Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
3 The name of Je - sus calms our fears and
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; he



great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
earth a - broad, the hon - ors of your name.
sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; his blood a - vails for me.

5 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
the Lamb of God was slain.
His life was once an off'ring made
that you might live again.

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be ever, ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heav'n.

First Lesson: Genesis 18:20-32 (NIV)

Abraham prays on the basis of what he knows about the LORD: that the LORD is a just judge, that the LORD shows mercy, and that the LORD invites us to be bold in our prayers.

20 Then the Lord said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous 21 that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.”

22 The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. 23 Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

26 The Lord said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

27 Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, 28 what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?”

“If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.”

29 Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?”

He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.”

30 Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?”

He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.”

31 Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?”

He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.”

32 Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?”

He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.”

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (NIV)

Paul teaches us that the ultimate purpose for everything we ask is that God's will would be done.

Instructions on Worship

2 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. 7 And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 (NIV)

Jesus teaches us how to pray and how our Father will answer.

Jesus' Teaching on Prayer

11 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

2 He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“‘Father,

hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

5 Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ 7 And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

9 “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Children’s Message



720 Our Father, Throned in Heaven Above

A Our Fa - ther, throned in heav'n a - bove, you bid us all to
 B A - men, that is, so shall it be. Make strong our faith in

live in love as mem - bers of one fam - i - ly
 you that we may nev - er doubt you but be - lieve

and pray to you in u - ni - ty— teach us no thought-less
 that what we ask we shall re - ceive. Thus in your name and

words to say, but from our in - most hearts to pray.
 at your word we say, “A - men, O hear us, Lord!”

Message:



**Focused Prayer:
 Jesus teaches a lesson in prayer**

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



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



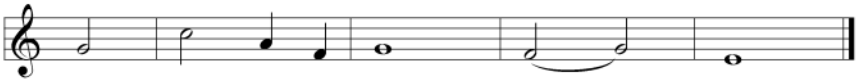
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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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Lord, Teach Us How to Pray



- 1 Lord, teach us how to pray as once the Twelve you taught,
- 2 Lord, teach us how to pray when cares dis - tract the mind.
- 3 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - kin - dle faith's bright flame,
- 4 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us day by day



for we can nev - er find the words to praise you as we ought.
Help us to wait in qui - et - ness, a calm - er spir - it find.
un - til our faith leaps up a - gain to speak and praise your name.
that you wait ea - ger - ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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What's Going on This Week

Sun, 7/24	8 am Worship - Pastor Wolfe 9:30 am Worship - Pastor Wolfe
Mon, 7/25	11 am Brian Edberg Funeral
Tues, 7/26	11 am Marlene Finley Funeral
Wed, 7/27	1 pm ORP Bible Study
Sun, 7/31	8 am Worship - Pastor Schram 9:30 am Worship - Pastor Schram

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week in the amount of \$15,028.76 for Current Expenses and \$761.98 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

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!.



**American
Red Cross**

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.

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!





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!

Pastor Ryan Wolfe Biography



Pastor Wolfe grew up on a dairy farm in Colfax, WI (near Eau Claire). He attended public grade school and middle school and then attended Martin Luther Prep School in Prairie du Chien for his first two years of high school. It was there he met a pretty blond girl (a farmer's daughter no less!) from Goodhue, MN. They began dating in high school, graduating from Luther Prep School in Watertown, WI in 1997 after the WELS school amalgamation.

Pastor and Jessie continued their path to ministry at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. They were married before their last year of college and both graduated in 2001. Though Jessie earned a degree in elementary education, after moving to the Milwaukee area for Pastor's seminary education, she taught in a secular childcare, preparing them both for future plans God had in store for them.

At seminary graduation Pastor Wolfe was assigned to St. Peter in Schofield, WI. He was one of three pastors at this large church, assigned specifically as missionary through family ministry and childcare. During his six-year service there the Wolfes were blessed with three more children (Chloe, Lydia, & Levi) and Jessie stayed home to care for the family.

From 2011 until 2022, Pastor Wolfe served at Redeemer in Mandan, ND. It was a busy ministry, with opening of preschool and childcare ministries, building of a new church and parsonage, and founding of a new mission church in Dickinson, ND 100 miles away. The Wolfes were blessed in all that time and will always hold North Dakota as a special place.

Moving to Stillwater and serving at Salem is in many ways a return home for the Wolfes. Family members live about an hour away. The landscape is dotted with familiar cedars and oaks and aspens. The Wolfes look forward to picking up old habits of hiking and camping. Fishing and hunting will be different than on the prairie, but they look forward to exploring those hobbies as well. Pastor & Jessie are both musical, singing in choirs, playing handbells and piano. Pastor plays trumpet and just started learning guitar. Pastor Wolfe is a serious nerd, with love for all things science AND science fiction. He enjoys work with and on computers, and is excited to pick up handyman and woodworking hobbies that have been dormant for a while.

The Wolfe family will be plenty busy this year. Jessie will be busy directing the preschool at Salem Lutheran in Woodbury. Caleb (17) will be a freshman at Martin Luther College. Chloe (16) will be a junior and Lydia (14) will be a freshman at Great Plains Lutheran High School in Watertown, SD. Their youngest Levi (13) will be an 8th-grader at Salem Lutheran School this fall.

The Wolfes are eager to get to know everyone at Salem and help make our church a home for every member and a hope for every visitor. Pray that God blesses Salem as we work together for Christ in all we do for each other.

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.



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