



July 31, 2022

Welcome to our guests! We are glad to have you here! If you have questions about our service, our church, our school or preschool, please talk with us or call the office at your convenience. Any of us would be glad to meet with you and visit. May God bless your time with us today.

Series Theme: 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 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. Jesus was focused.

Service Theme: Jesus wants focused followers. One of the things that can get in the way of our focus is our earthly possessions. It is no surprise, then, that Jesus' words so frequently focus his followers on wealth. Jesus' followers don't reject earthly wealth or despise it— We are grateful for every gift that comes from God. But we do value earthly wealth correctly. We know what earthly wealth can and cannot do. This week we focus on the fact that the true blessing earthly wealth can never provide is found fully and freely in Christ.

🔗 **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.



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All Depends on Our Possessing v. 1-3

1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
 2 He who to this day has fed me and to man - y
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting o - ver tri - fles

grace and bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me is and ev - er shall be mine.
 and in get - ting things that have no sol - id ground.

They who trust with faith un - shak - en in their God are
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, he who dai - ly
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure that will bring me

not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.
 last - ing plea - sure and that now is sel - dom found.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676

Tune: adapt. Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758; Johann Löhner, 1645–1705

Text and tune: Public domain

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.

Change my heart, oh God.____ Make it ev-er true.____

Change my heart, oh God.____ May I be like You.____

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.____

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.____

Change my heart, oh God.____ Make it ev-er true.____

Change my heart, oh God.____ May I be like You.____

Prayer of the Day

P: O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures you have stored up for us in heaven that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of your grace; 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: Ecclesiastes 1:1-2,12-14; 2:18-26 (NIV)

King Solomon, possibly the wealthiest man who ever lived, learned by experience the limited value of earthly possessions.

1 The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:

2 “Meaningless! Meaningless!”

says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless!

Everything is meaningless.”

12 I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! 14 I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

18 I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. 19 And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. 20 So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. 21 For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. 22 What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? 23 All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

24 A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, 25 for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? 26 To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11 (NIV)

If life isn't about the possessions we have, what is it about? Paul tells us—the fact that in baptism we died and were raised with Christ.

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

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All Depends on Our Possessing v. 5-6



The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with line numbers 5 and 6 at the beginning of the first staff.

5 Well he knows what best to grant me; all the long - ing
6 If my days on earth he length - en, he my wea - ry

hopes that haunt me, joy and sor - row, have their day.
soul will strength - en; all my trust in him I place.

I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er; as God wills, so
Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing, like a stream a -

be it ev - er; I com - mit to him my way.
way is glid - ing; safe I an - chor in his grace.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)

Greed's folly is felt in life and will be exposed in death. Through a parable, Jesus gives us a strong warning against greed.

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

14 Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” 15 Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

16 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

18 “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Children’s Message



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O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Message:



Focused Living Properly Values Earthly Wealth

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.



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; leave be -
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, and with
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure nei - ther
 6 Lord, by love and mer - cy driv - en, you have



hind all gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the day - light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet him, for with words of life im -
 cost nor pain will mea - sure, but the price - less gifts of
 left your throne in heav - en on the cross for me to



splen - dor; there with joy your prais - es ren - der
 mor - tal he is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 lan - guish and to die in bit - ter an - guish,



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed has this won - drous
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore him, say - ing, as you
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, naught would buy the
 to for - go all joy and glad - ness and to shed your



sup - per found - ed. He, though reign - ing high and
 there a - dore him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 blood in sad - ness. By this blood re - deemed and



ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive you, that I nev - er - more will leave you.
 riv - en, and his blood, for you once giv - en.
 liv - ing, Lord, I praise you with thanks - giv - ing.

What's Going on This Week

Sun, 7/31	8 am Worship 9:30 am Worship
Tues, 8/2	10:10 am Bible Growth Group
Thurs, 8/4	12:30 pm Women's Guild
Sun, 8/7	8 am Worship 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week in the amount of \$13,083.84 for Current Expenses and \$672.90 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

Quarterly Voters' Meeting - August 7, 2022 following the 9:30 am Service. All members are invited to attend this important meeting to learn about Salem's current and future ministry.

Salem Kickoff August 27th - Save the Date!

Salem members and school families can save the date for a special event to celebrate a new year for our church and school. Saturday, August 27th, we'll have a shortened special worship service at 5pm followed by games and a picnic. Salem's fellowship committee will grill and provide the main meal about 6pm, with members invited to bring side dishes and salad to share. You can eat outside or at limited seating inside. Help us show school families the friendly face of Salem. Save the date and plan to join us!

Sunday School Planning & Help

When the fall schedule returns in September we will be blessed to restart Sunday Bible study and Sunday school. Passing our faith on to the next generation is a core ministry of our church and Sunday school, in whatever form it will take, is a part of that important work. We are looking for members to help with planning, teaching, and assisting in our Sunday school program. If you are able to help talk to either pastor, or to Amy Stilwagon.

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!.

Job Openings

We are still looking for a teacher's aide for first grade and second grade. and looking for help with the K-8 After Care program. If you would like to apply please reach out to Mr. Klatt (rklatt@salemlutheran.org) for more details.

Our sister church in Woodbury (also Salem) is looking to fill two part-time assistant positions as well. Both positions are for Monday, Wednesday, Friday. One in the mornings 8:45-12:30pm and the other 2:45-5pm. A third position working 7am-8:45am M-F will be open starting in October. Talk to Jessie Wolfe or email her at director@salemofwoodbury.com to learn more.

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! gift! Please consider being a blood donor!



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