

Lord,  
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our faith.



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## **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Theme: Lord, Increase our faith!*

*Faith that overflows with gratitude*

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Almighty Father, you hear our every prayer and know our every need. Bless us as we praise you today for all your goodness and hear the prayers we offer in our Savior's name. Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** Gratitude is the appreciation and thankfulness we feel when someone does something kind to us or for us. The level of gratitude we feel is affected by how deserved we feel something is and how generously it's given. Apply this to God. What does God owe us? Nothing. How generously has he acted for us? Overwhelmingly! As Jesus increases our faith we become more than grateful. We overflow with gratitude.

**OUR WORSHIP SERIES:** People use the word faith very casually. "You've got to have faith." "Keep the faith." "Take a leap of faith." Jesus talks about faith in ways that are anything but casual. In thinking about his second coming, Christ wonders, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" Jesus' words force us to consider what true, saving faith is. They make us ask who could have such faith. Most of all, Jesus' words move us to run to our God and beg him for more of it. Lord, increase our faith!

**A WORD ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION:** Our church observes the biblical practice of member communion (also called close communion). In Holy Communion we not only receive forgiveness from God, but we also express the unique relationship our members have with each other. If you are not a member of our congregation, we kindly ask that you not take communion today, but speak with our pastor after the service. We would love to share the sacrament with you in the future.

### ***SERVING GOD, SERVING US:***

Preacher: Pastor John Enter  
Piano/Organ: Luke Dorn

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Wolfe  
Vocalists: Luke & Allison Dorn

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# Order of Worship



## HYMN: Now, Thank We All Our God

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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;  
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,



who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

*Please stand.*

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.**

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## **Choir Anthem (Sunday)**

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

*By Rick Founds*

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord I lift your name on high.

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From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord I lift your name on high.  
Lord I lift your name on high, Lord I lift your name on high.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

M: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 Reading**

Genesis 8:15-22

*In faith, Noah expressed his gratitude for God's undeserved generosity in preserving the lives of his family.*

<sup>15</sup>Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup>"Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. <sup>17</sup>Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it."

<sup>18</sup>So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

<sup>19</sup>All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

<sup>20</sup>Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. <sup>21</sup>The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

<sup>22</sup>"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 9:10-15

*Our gratitude for God's generosity to us will naturally include a willingness to be generous with others.*

<sup>10</sup>Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

<sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

<sup>12</sup>This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup>Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. <sup>14</sup>And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.

<sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Men's Choir Anthem

### *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

By Rev. E.A. Hoffman, A.J. Showalter

What a fellowship, what a joy Divine, leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

**Refrain:** Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the Everlasting Arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

**Refrain**

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

I have peace complete with my Lord so near, leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

**Refrain**

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*Please stand.*

## Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

*Ten men had faith that Jesus could save them from their leprosy. One man's faith led him back to Jesus in gratitude.*

<sup>11</sup>Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

<sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup>One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup>Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" <sup>18</sup>Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated.*

## Children's Devotion

### Hymn of the Day: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

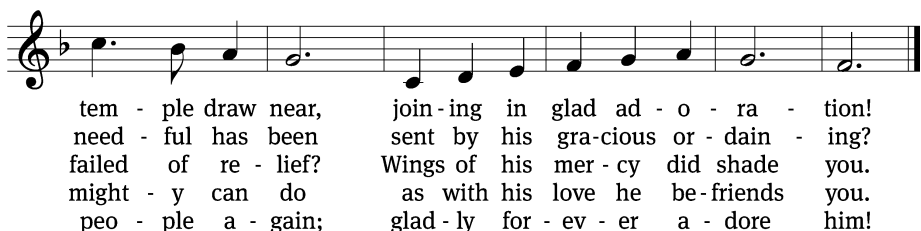
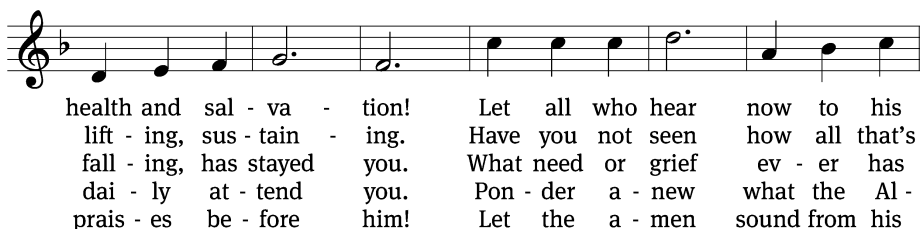
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1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your  
reign - ing and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
fend you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with



## Sermon

Based on Luke 17

### *An Attitude of Gratitude*

Please stand after the sermon.

## THANKSGIVING

### 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 truly 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 in 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.**

*Be seated.*

## **Offering**



 **Connect Card**

Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



 **Give Online**

*Please stand.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. The meal also bears witness to the unity and fellowship we share with each other. Therefore, we invite to communion all those who share in our confession by virtue of their membership here or in a sister WELS or ELS congregation. We ask visitors to speak to the pastor before communing.*

## Words of Institution

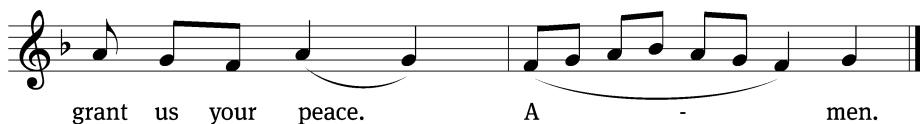
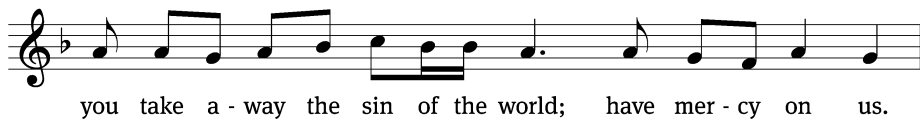
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: Amen.

## O Christ, Lamb of God



*Be seated.*

## Communion Distribution

*For those who cannot have any alcohol for personal or medical reasons we offer white grape juice. You will find cups of white grape juice in the center of each communion tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by request for those medically unable to tolerate gluten.*

*Communicants may choose to receive the wine by individual or common cup. If you choose the common cup, please allow the individual tray to pass and then assist the minister by helping to tip the common cup.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM:

## Behold the Lamb

*Vocalists sing the communion anthem this week.*

### Verse 1

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith, find forgiveness at the cross

*Chorus:* So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King

### Verse 2

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you, eat and remember  
The wounds that healed the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us  
one

*Chorus:* So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King

### Verse 3

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in, to receive the life of God

*Chorus:* So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King

### Verse 4

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, to respond and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ, as His body here on Earth

*Chorus:* As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven, around the table of the King

*Please stand at the pastor's direction.*

## Response of Thanksgiving

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **His mercy endures forever.**

*Psalms 118:1*

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

## Closing Prayer & Blessing

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.  
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## Blessing

M: 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.**

## Hymn: Let All Things Now Living

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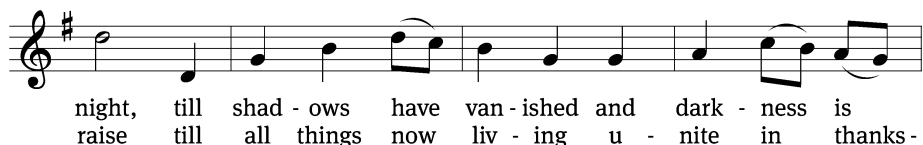
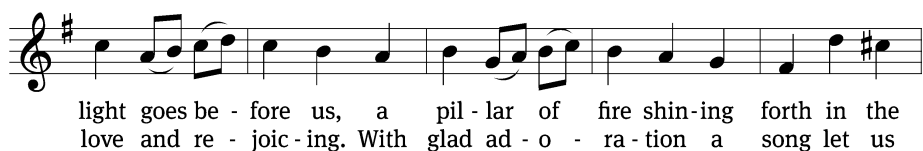
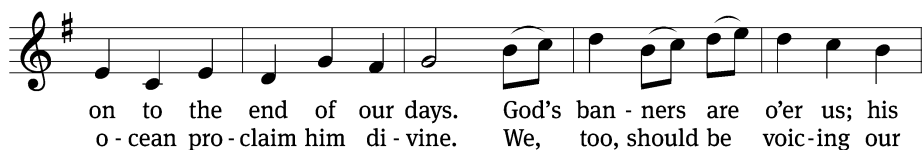
1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 His law he en - forc - es; the stars in their cours - es and



God the Cre - a - tor tri - um-phantly raise, who fash - ioned and  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. The hills and the



made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us  
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the



## **Silent Prayer and Announcements**

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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### **Fellowship & Spiritual Growth**

After worship, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:10am in the sanctuary. Adult & Teen Bible study begins at 9:15am in the fellowship hall downstairs

### **For Worship Next Week**

Worship theme: Increase our faith—faith demonstrated through persistent prayer

Bible Readings: Genesis 32:22-30; 1 John 5:13-15; Luke 18:1-8

Hymns: 803, 723, 924

# Trunk *or* Treat



Last year Salem held its first “Trunk or Treat” for church members and school families. On Sunday, October 30th, we expand on that effort by inviting our neighbors and surrounding community to join in the fun.

Trunk or Treat helps parents by offering a safe and family-friendly alternative to Trick or Treating. Instead of walking streets at night and getting candy from place to place, parents and kids stay in one parking lot and get candy from trunk after trunk of decorated cars.

While they’re here, we’ll share some good news about Jesus and invite people to join us for worship and other activities too. Families from the community can fill out a religious survey and share any interest in learning about the bible, giving us another way to reach out with Jesus too.



The more members we have helping, the easier the event is for all of us and the more chances we have to make a good impression to a visitor. Our biggest need is for people to decorate their cars and hand out candy. We also need people to help with parking, surveys, guiding people, and setup/cleanup. If you’d like to help, call the church office at 651-439-7831.



## **PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

(Also printed in the hymnal)

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: *He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.*

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: *I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?*

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: *I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.*

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: *His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.*

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: *In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.*

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: *I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."*

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: *I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.*

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

# ***Welcome to worship!***

## **FOR OUR GUESTS**

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket at the entrance to the sanctuary or as it's passed during the service.

## **FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God  
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may  
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

