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Welcome! 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: Merciful Father, I come to you today in humility and awe. Thank you for your promise of forgiveness and new life. Raise me up through your Word to serve you in peace and joy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: Every person is born under God's law, all united by nature in sin and all united in the eternal consequences of sin. Only through faith in Christ is sin forgiven and the sting of death removed. God's Word creates that saving faith, but not in everyone who hears it. Fallen mankind retains the awful power to reject the Word and God's gift of faith. Therefore, God's Word brings division—division between believers and unbelievers. We desire to live in peace with other people, but Jesus teaches that in this world that is an impossible dream. Those who embrace the gospel in faith will inevitably face hostility. Following Jesus will come at a price. Yet he promises that our perseverance will be rewarded.

WORSHIP SERIES: No one likes pain, but not all pain is bad. A surgeon cuts through skin and muscle, not to harm but to heal. Words can bring us pain, but sometimes those painful words lead us to the very healing we need. In Luke 13-17 we find Jesus teaching the faithful as he travels to Jerusalem for the last time. He knows he is going to die. So, with a sense of urgency, Jesus shares truths we need to hear, even though it hurts to hear them. In this series we might not like everything that Jesus says. Yet, difficult as it may be to hear, we listen because when Jesus speaks words that wound us, his intent is to heal our very soul.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

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Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting Four



Choir Anthem: This Is My Word

By Pepper Choplin

As the snow falls from heaven as it comes in swirling showers from the sky,
so is my Word.

As the rains bring the water to the earth that is thirsty and dry,
so is my Word.

And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty;
it will bless the earth wherever it is heard. This is my Word.

As the rains bring renewal and the tender buds begin to come alive,
so is my Word.

Giving seed to the sower, and the bread to the hungry 'til they thrive,
so is my Word, so is my Word.

And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty; it will bless the earth
wherever it is heard. This is my Word.

O Lord, when I am weary, when I feel the days I'm living are in vain,
my God, help me be faithful to the Word You have given to proclaim.

Proclaim the Word, and you will go out in joy and be led forth in peace,
and the hills will break before you into song.

So be faithful, brave, and true, for I will go before you.

And when your earthly journey here is done, I'll say well done,
I'll say well done, I'll say well done, well done!

Please stand.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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.**

Kyrie: Trisagion

CW 959

The choir will introduce the song. The congregation may join at the invitation of the director.

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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.

Hymn: All People That on Earth Do Dwell

CW 601 sts. 1, 4

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
4 Trust that the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice. Serve him with joy, his
is for - ev - er sure. His faith - ful - ness at

prais - es tell, come now be - fore him and re - joice!
all times stood and shall from age to age en - dure.

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what 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.

Be seated.

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

The Word of the Lord divides what is true from what is false.

²³“Am I only a God nearby,”

declares the LORD, “and not a God far away?

²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?”

declares the LORD.

“Do not I fill heaven and earth?”

declares the LORD.

²⁵“I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name.

They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ ²⁶How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? ²⁷They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship.

²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the LORD. ²⁹“Is not my word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119: Teach Me O God

Christopher Walker

The Congregation may join in the refrains.

Teach me, O God, to fol-low your ways, to

fol-low your ways to the end.

My heart de-lights to fol-low your ways, to

fol-low your ways to the end.

Happy are they whose life is blameless, who follow God's law in their heart.
Happy are all who do God's will,
seeking God, seeking God, seeking God with their heart. **Refrain**

It is your will we keep your precepts, obeying them all with due care.
O let my footsteps now be firm,
seeking you, seeking you, seeking you with my heart. **Refrain**

Bless me, your servant, in your kindness, obeying your Word all my life.
Marvelous truths are in your law:
help me see, help me see, help me see with my heart. **Refrain**

Teach me the way that I must follow, that I will be true to the end.
Help me to understand your law:
keeping it, keeping it, keeping it with my heart. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-13

The Hebrews who converted to Christianity were often scorned by friends and family. They would persevere by fixing their eyes on Jesus.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,
⁶because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

⁷Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? ⁸If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. ⁹Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! ¹⁰They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness.

¹¹No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it

produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ¹³“Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 15:58

Refrain



Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,
because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. **Refrain**

Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus was fully aware that his work would cause division that would often cut close to home.

⁴⁹“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵²From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn of the Day: O Holy Spirit, Enter In

CW 590



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in and in our hearts
2 Give to your Word im - pres - sive pow'r that in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your dear Word,



your work be - gin, your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour as fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, in us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, a - round and in
that in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty we faith - ful wit -
that we be faith - ful un - to death and live in love



us bright - ly shine, to joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, from you true wis - dom learn - ing.



that we may be tru - ly liv - ing, to you giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us by your teach - ing; let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace on us show - er; by your pow - er



prayer un - ceas - ing and in love be still in - creas - ing.
and our la - bor praise you, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

Sermon

Based on Luke 12:49-53

"I Must Surrender"

Please stand after the sermon.

THANKSGIVING

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, 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.

Be seated.

Offering



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.



Anthem: Jesus Christ is Lord

Philip Stopford

Though he was in the form of God,
he did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited;
But emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and become obedient to the point of death-- even death on the cross!
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ Is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

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.

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.

Anthem: This Little Light of Mine

Moses Hogan

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine.

All through the night I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine.

My God gave it to me. I'm gonna let it shine

In my home, All over the world. Let it shine.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

WELS Connection Video

Acknowledgments

Setting Four from Christian Worship

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Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry between services. Adult Bible study begins at 10:15 in the sanctuary.

For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: The Wounds That Heal: The Door is Very Narrow

Bible Readings: Isaiah 66:18-24, Hebrews 12:18-24, Luke 13:22-30

Hymns: 916, 698, 798

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 with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ✦ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ✦ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ✦ 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 donate you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.
- ✦ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

For those with young children

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ✦ Children's bulletins & activity bags are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- ✦ If you or your child needs a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live on a TV in the room.
- ✦ On Sunday mornings, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the children's message. Parents are welcome too!

**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.**

