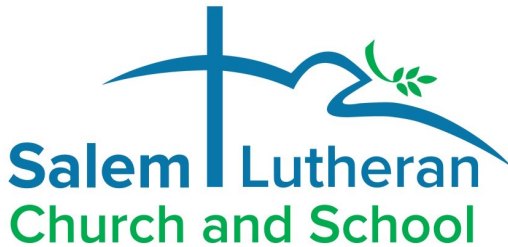




# What Makes Christians *Different*

*Christians Live in  
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## **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**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:** Lord Jesus, you stretched out your hands for us and gave us your very life. Because you are forever exalted, glorified, arisen, and living, cause all nations along with your saints to join the celestial choir and praise your Holy Name. By your Holy Spirit cause us to live fully for your eternal kingdom, by your mercy let your Church increase in the year ahead. Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** Yesterday was the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of the Independence of the United States of America. American citizens from many backgrounds are celebrating in many ways. What makes Christian citizens different? Christian citizenship is not connected to a particular political party or particular civic activities. Christians understand that they live in two kingdoms. God does not need our good works, but our neighbors do. God's Word informs our choice of political activities as we seek to be faithful to our calling as Christian citizens.

**OUR WORSHIP SERIES:** The Bible says Christians are different, but how are Christians different? The answer is often something internal - attitudes or perspectives that come only from the work of the Holy Spirit in Word and sacrament. Ultimately, Christians are people who run to Christ for forgiveness because they have failed to live perfect lives. As we receive the mercy of Christ, it moves us to strive with all our being to do all the things that Jesus says Christians do - yet more things that make Christians different.

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

Preacher: Pastor Jon Enter      Piano/Organ: Luke Dorn

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**Acknowledgments**

# Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting One



## Hymn: Before You, Lord, We Bow

CW 775 sts. 1-3



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and  
2 The na - tion you have blessed may well your love de - clare, from  
3 May ev - 'ry moun-tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine



rules the world be - low in bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we  
foes and fears at rest, pro - tect - ed by your care. For this bright  
in your Word's pure light and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise to you, our King!  
day, for this fair land—gifts of your hand—our thanks we pay.  
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.

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: If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:8-9)

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### Hymn: Before You, Lord, We Bow

CW 775 sts. 4-5



4 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice, your great Re - deem - er own; be -  
5 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may our na - tive land from



lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship him a - lone. Cast down your  
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.  
throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high King, sal - va - tion's song!

## THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end, grant us your promised rest and the full joys of your salvation; 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

Daniel 1:3-21

*We learn from Daniel how to live in two kingdoms.*

<sup>3</sup>Then the <sup>3</sup>king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobili-

ty—<sup>4</sup>young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians.<sup>5</sup>The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

<sup>6</sup>Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.<sup>7</sup>The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

<sup>8</sup>But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.<sup>9</sup>Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel,<sup>10</sup>but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you."

<sup>11</sup>Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah,<sup>12</sup>"Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink.<sup>13</sup>Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see."<sup>14</sup>So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.

<sup>15</sup>At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food.<sup>16</sup>So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

<sup>17</sup>To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

<sup>18</sup>At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar.<sup>19</sup>The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service.<sup>20</sup>In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

<sup>21</sup>And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 146

*Read responsively with the Pastor; the congregation reads the sections in bold.*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD.

**Praise the LORD, my soul.**

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

**<sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes,  
in human beings, who cannot save.**

<sup>4</sup>When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;  
on that very day their plans come to nothing.

**<sup>5</sup>Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God.**

<sup>6</sup>He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—  
he remains faithful forever.

**<sup>7</sup>He upholds the cause of the oppressed  
and gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets prisoners free, <sup>8</sup>the LORD gives sight to the blind,  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

**<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the  
widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

<sup>10</sup>The LORD reigns forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

**Praise the LORD.**

## Second Reading

Romans 13:1-7

*God has established governmental authority.*

<sup>1</sup>Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. <sup>2</sup>Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. <sup>3</sup>For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. <sup>4</sup>For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore, it is necessary to

submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

<sup>6</sup>This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. <sup>7</sup>Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:28



*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

**Refrain**

## Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

*Give to the government what is the government's and give to God what is God's.*

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words.

<sup>16</sup>They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. <sup>17</sup>Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

<sup>18</sup>But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup>and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

<sup>21</sup>"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

<sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

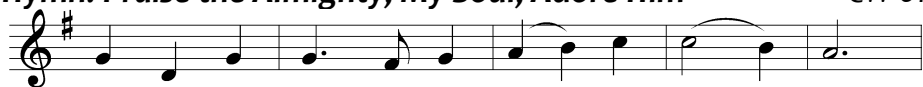
C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.

## Children's Devotion

### Hymn: Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him

CW 619



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!  
2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;  
4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and  
par - don and peace from him ob - tain; ev - er the  
earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him as long as  
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, their faith - ful  
coun - sels at life's last por - tal when the dark  
be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, with hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and  
God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren  
grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can  
heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; bless, O my soul, his ho - ly  
in dis - tress, the wid - ows and the fa - ther -  
help af - ford, trust on - ly Christ, our God and  
an - gel host praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
less. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*“Christian Citizens”*

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,  
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.**

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.



Please stand.

## Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

**We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.**

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

**For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.**

Look with favor upon our nation and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

**Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.**

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

**Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.**

Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

**Lead the citizens of our land to honor the useful foundations of society.**

Care for those who are sick or have been injured. Calm those who are disappointed and depressed. Provide guidance to those who care for people in trouble or in need.

**Lead us to provide help when we can and to pray at all times.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

**Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## 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.**

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through 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: God Bless Our Native Land**

CW 774



1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may she ev - er stand  
2 For her our prayers shall rise to God a - bove the skies;



thro' storm and night! When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of  
on him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with



wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.  
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

## **Silent Prayer and Announcements**

### **WELS Connection**

#### **Fellowship & Spiritual Growth**

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

#### **For Worship Next Week**

Worship theme: Christians are Planted by the Word

Bible Readings: Isaiah 55:6-11, 1 Corinthians 3:5-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Hymns: 981, 644, 671, 925, 932

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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## 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 make a donation 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 your child needs a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live into the room.
- ✦ Children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the weekly 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.**

