



What Makes Christians *Different*

*Christians Trust
God to Provide*



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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

*What Makes Christians Different? Christians
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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: Lord, you knit me together in my mother's womb. The cosmos hold together by the power of your Word. Help me today deepen my understanding and appreciation of the love you have had for me since before the creation of the world, so that I may learn to rely on you forevermore. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: The hardest times to trust God are the times we need him most. It's easier to trust God when your job is going great, your health is fine, your relationships are fine, and your family is good. It's easier to trust God when the sun is shining, but what happens when your life is suddenly overshadowed by dark days? When tragedy strikes, we may wonder if God continues to care for us. At those times, Christians do not despair like those who have no hope. Instead, Christians focus on certain foundational facts. We are chosen and adopted as God's dear children. God provides us innumerable spiritual blessings and promises us an eternity of peace and joy. If we recognize those spiritual blessings, how can we doubt that God will give us everything we truly need at the right time? Christians trust God to provide.

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 JonAlden Pedersen Piano: Abigail Ibisch
Praise Group: Jim Bourman, Serenna Hartsock, Anna Bondow

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting One



Hymn: Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

CW 481 sts. 1-3



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa - ther
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb of
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Ho - ly



let us bring our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
God we sing, in whom we are e - lect - ed.
Ghost we sing for our re - gen - er - a - tion.



To him through ev - er - last - ing days be wor - ship,
He bought his Church with his own blood, he cleansed her
The sav - ing faith in us he wrought and us un -



hon - or, pow'r, and praise whose hand sus-tains cre - a - tion.
in that bless - ed flood and as his bride se-lect - ed.
to the Bride-groom brought, made us his cho - sen na - tion.



Sing - ing, ring - ing: ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
Ho - ly, ho - ly is our un - ion and com-mun - ion;
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, bliss su - per - nal;



spread the sto - ry of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
his be-friend-ing gives us joy and peace un-end - ing.
there is man - na and an end - less, glad ho-san - na.

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: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**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: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan’s power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King

Jonathan Baird

Vocalist will sing verses 1 & 3. The congregation may join on verses 2 & 4.

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou, burning sun with golden beam,
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam, O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One. O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood come and rejoice in His great love.
O praise Him! Alleluia! Christ has defeated every sin,
Cast all your burdens now on Him O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia! Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Sunday) Sacrament of Baptism

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font at the 10:30am service.

The Gospel according to St. Mark: *"People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them."*

The minister applies water to the person presented for baptism as he says:

M: Charles Ryan Heroff, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ✝ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

(Sunday) Exhortation to Parents & Congregation

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Charles and all the children of our

church may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

M: Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Charles as your own child and made him a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to him and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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 everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of 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

1 Kings 17:1-6

In dark times with a wicked king, the Lord provided food for his faithful prophet.

¹Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

²Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³"Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there."

⁵So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: We Thank You, LORD, for You Are Good

Psalm 136C

1 We thank you, LORD, for you are good; your
3 You made the star-ry lights to rise; your
4 You res-cue us from ev-'ry foe; your

mer-cy lives for-ev-er. Your kind-ness from of
mer-cy lives for-ev-er. Your glo-ries shine in
mer-cy lives for-ev-er. You feed your crea-tures

old has stood; your love will keep us ev-er.
ra-diant skies; your love will keep us ev-er.
here be-low; your love will keep us ev-er.

O God of gods, O sov-'reign Lord, we bless you
Your glow-ing moon en-hanc-es night; your sun brings
We give you thanks, Cre-a-tor, Lord; we sing the

now with one ac-cord: your love is ev-er-last-ing.
forth each morn-ing's light: your love is ev-er-last-ing.
glo-ries of your Word; your love is ev-er-last-ing.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-10

God provided for our eternal needs by choosing us to be his beloved children.

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In

love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Romans 8:32



Refrain



He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—
how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? *Refrain*

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus graciously provides for the needs of a great crowd.

¹³When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

¹⁶Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

¹⁷“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

¹⁸“Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Be seated.

Children's Devotion



Hymn: All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

CW 603



1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy
 3 I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O
 4 The Lord will not for - sake his flock, his cho - sen
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give



all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and
 he is keep - ing; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning
 hear my call - ing! For death he gave me life in -
 gen - er - a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their
 praise and glo - ry! Let all who know his pow'r pro -



love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing
 shade his eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the
 deed and kept my feet from fall - ing. For this my
 rock, their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a
 claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! All i - dols



balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row
 king - dom of his might, all things are just and good and
 thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our God with
 moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his cho - sen
 un - der foot be trod— The Lord is God! The Lord is



stills: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 right: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 me: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 band: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 God! To God all praise and glo - ry!

Sermon Based on Gospel accounts of the Feeding of the Five Thousand

"At God's Table You Will Be Satisfied"

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

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: Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

CW 481 st. 4

4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri - une

God we sing; blest be his name for - ev - er!

With an - gel hosts let us a - dore and sing his

prais - es more and more for all his grace and fa - vor.

Sing - ing, ring - ing: ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;

spread the sto - ry of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

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 Answer Doubt with Faith

Bible Readings: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 14:22-33

Hymns: 802, 847, 813, 662, 832

This Week at Salem

Tuesday, 8/4

5:00 pm Salem Booth at Summer Tuesdays

Thursday, 8/6

9:45 am Group Bible Study

11:30 am Parish Nurse Office Hours

6:00 pm Sanctuary Cleaning Orientation

Saturday, 8/8

5:00 pm Worship with Communion (Gruetzmacher Usher Team)

6:15 pm Volleyball- Members and Friends

Sunday, 8/9

9:00 am Worship with Communion (Dodge Usher Team)

10:15 am Summer Bible Study

COMING SOON

Last Chance! Blood Donors Needed We're bringing the Red Cross blood drive to Salem on Monday, August 10th from 1:00–6:00 PM (gymnasium). Sign-ups are low and the need for blood is higher than ever! Whether you're a first-time donor or a regular, we need you. To sign up: Visit www.redcross.org or contact Laura Gruetzmacher at 651-491-5988 – she's happy to help! Remember, every donation matters. Thank you!

NEWS AND NOTES

Sunday JAM Needs You - Sundays, beginning in September, kids from age 3 through 6th grade walk into Sunday JAM ready to hear about Jesus, and we are looking for a few more hands and hearts to join this ministry. There are three ways to serve:

- **Main Teacher (“Hero”)** - Lead the large-group Bible lesson that kicks off each week, bringing God’s Word to life for our kids. Let us plan the lesson, or put your own spin on it!
- **Station Leader** - Guide a small group through one of our hands-on rotation stations, helping kids learn through movement, music, or hands-on activities. No preparation needed, just an hour on Sunday.
- **Station Prep** - Want to help, but not excited to teach? Get materials and activities ready behind the scenes so each station runs smoothly. Flexible hours.

Each role serves just once a month during the school year: a small commitment that makes a big impact. Volunteer orientation and training will be held Sunday, August 30, after church. Curious about what a typical Sunday looks like, or want the full job description? Contact Abigail at aibisch@salemlutheran.com. She’d love to talk with you about where you might fit in and the new structure.

Available Now: Salem is now on the Church Center app! Check in to worship with a tap, send up a prayer request, keep your profile current so we never lose touch, browse the members-only directory to connect with your church family, and give (or check on your giving history) from your phone. And there’s more on the way: volunteer sign-ups, group access, and group chats and events are coming soon. Just stop by the office after any service this weekend, August 1 & 2, and our staff will get you set up.

Help Keep God’s House Clean! To reduce costs, Church Council is asking each family to sign up in the church office for one week a year to clean the sanctuary, narthex, and vestry (bathrooms and offices not included). Optional but highly encouraged: join the Building & Grounds Committee for a walkthrough of the checklist and supplies on Thursday, August 6 at 6:00 PM.

Salem Women’s Guild will meet on August 13 at 11:30 at the Bungalow. Please sign up on the gold sign up sheet in the Narthex so we can make reservations.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- For the growth of our school. Lord, send children (at least 10!) into our school to learn and grow in the training and instruction of our Gospel-loving teachers.
- For farmers. May the Lord of the harvest cause rain to come down and their crops and families continued growth.
- For the family of little Charles Heroff, may the Lord surround them with brothers and sisters who will lift them up in prayer to the Lord for provision, love, patience, gentleness, and joy.

FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS

Camp Croix News: The new ministry center dedication is Saturday, August 8 at 12 PM with guest preacher Pastor Don Patterson, followed by refreshments and tours (RSVP at campcroix.org/dedicate). Also open now: Youth Bible Camp Session 4 for grades 4-9 (August 2-8), Family Growth Weekend (September 2-4), and the new 20s and 30s Retreat with speaker Aaron Wakeman (September 11-13). Register at campcroix.org.

GIVING

Missions: \$940.00

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We pray God leads us to generous giving. Give online at salemlutheran.org/give.



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 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.**

