

BEYOND TEMPLE WALLS



TO A GREATER RESPONSIBILITY



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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 Jesus, I praise you for another week of blessing and protection under your care. Strengthen me through your word and sacrament that I might serve and worship you in joyful thanks every day. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: In a distrusting world, the concept of institutions is rapidly changing. Today, the Christian church is often seen as just another broken system—no different than a bureaucratic government, an unjust court, or a greedy corporation. This week, we see how Christianity calls us to a greater responsibility. Church membership isn't just having your name on a list, attending for an hour on Sunday, or offering blind loyalty to an institution. It's about being responsible for people—not just on Sundays, but every day.

WORSHIP SERIES: It's no secret that the Christian church is undergoing seismic shifts. But here's the truth from Scripture: God was never confined to a building in the first place. He walked with Adam and Eve before there was a temple. He filled Solomon's temple, even though Solomon himself admitted the heavens couldn't contain God, let alone four walls. He became flesh and blood in Jesus. Over these four weeks, we'll trace that thread: from Eden to eternity, and discover a vision of church far greater than the walls we've been holding onto.

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 Ryan Wolfe Piano/Organ: Robyn Stoller/Luke Dorn
Praise Group: Al Sehloff, Leah Bergemann, Andy Aumann, Tom Stob, Brian Shult,
Jessie Wolfe, Renee Nair

Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting Three



Hymn: Still, My Soul, Be Still

CW 834

Praise group sings verse 1. The congregation joins in the remaining verses.



1 Still, my soul, be still and do not fear though winds of
2 Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved by less - er
3 Still, my soul, be still; do not for - sake the truth you



change may rage to - mor - row. God is at your side;
lights and fleet - ing shad - ows. Hold on to his ways
learned in the be - gin - ning. Wait up-on the Lord



no long - er dread the fires of un - ex - pect - ed sor - row.
with shield of faith a - gainst temp - ta - tion's flam - ing ar - rows.
and hope will rise as stars ap - pear when day is dim - ming.

Refrain



God, you are my God, and I will trust in you and not be



shak - en. Lord of peace, re - new a stead - fast spir - it with - in



me to rest in you a - lone, to rest in you a - lone.

Please stand.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

M: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

C: **See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!**

M: Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

C: **We love because he first loved us.**

M: The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

C: **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.**

M: Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

C: **Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

M: And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,

C: **not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

M: The Lord Almighty says, “I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters,”

C: **for we are the temple of the living God.**

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the staff. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we". The score consists of eight lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The first line of music is a short phrase ending with a double bar line. The second line of music is a longer phrase. The third line of music is a longer phrase. The fourth line of music is a longer phrase. The fifth line of music is a longer phrase. The sixth line of music is a longer phrase. The seventh line of music is a longer phrase. The eighth line of music is a longer phrase.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, the Christian church is your creation. We pray that you fill us with zeal for your Word and work. Bless our efforts to nourish believers through the proclamation of the forgiveness of sins in Christ Jesus. Equip us with eagerness to invite others to the banquet of salvation. Cause our congregation to thrive in years to come, dear Lord, for the glory of your name and the salvation of souls; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 11:1-7, 18-21

Moses encourages the ancient Israelites to make their faith a part of their everyday life and to pass it on to future generations.

¹Love the LORD your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always. ²Remember today that your children were not the ones who saw and experienced the discipline of the LORD your God: his majesty, his mighty hand, his outstretched arm; ³the signs he performed and the things he did in the heart of Egypt, both to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his whole country; ⁴what he did to the Egyptian army, to its horses and chariots, how he overwhelmed them with the waters of the Red Sea as they were pursuing you, and how the LORD brought lasting ruin on them. ⁵It was not your children who saw what he did for you in the wilderness until you arrived at this place, ⁶and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab the Reubenite, when the earth opened its mouth right in the middle of all Israel and swallowed them up with their households, their tents and every living thing that belonged to them. ⁷But it was your own eyes that saw all these great things the LORD has done.

¹⁸Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ¹⁹Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ²⁰Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, ²¹so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Timothy 4:1-16

The apostle Paul encourages all Christians, especially younger generations, to be nourished in their faith and to lead an exemplary life out in the world.

¹The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. ²Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. ³They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. ⁴For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

⁶If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. ⁷Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. ⁸For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. ⁹This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. ¹⁰That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

¹¹Command and teach these things. ¹²Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. ¹³Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. ¹⁴Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

¹⁵Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. ¹⁶Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:13



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Bear with each other and forgive one another.

Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **Refrain**

Gospel

Luke 6:43-49

Jesus encourages his disciples to put their faith into practice.

⁴³“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. ⁴⁴Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. ⁴⁵A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

⁴⁶“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. ⁴⁸They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn of the Day: Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

CW 861



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, you are her one foun-
 2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, your name a - lone con -
 3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more with hearts both pure and
 4 And for your gos - pel let us dare to sac - ri - fice all



da - tion; in you she trusts, be - fore you bows, and waits for
 fess - ing, con - tin - ue in your lov - ing care, true u - ni -
 low - ly; and may your Word, that light di - vine, shine on in
 trea - sure; teach us to bear your bless - ed cross, to find in



your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure, your Church
 ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord, and your
 splen - dor ho - ly that we re - pent - ance show, in faith
 you all plea - sure. O grant us stead - fast - ness in joy



shall en - dure though all the world de - cay and all things
 sav - ing Word to us e'er pure re - tain; grant that they
 ev - er grow; the pow'r of sin de - stroy and e - vils
 and dis - tress. Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, let us by



pass a - way. O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!
 may re - main our on - ly strength and com - fort.
 that an - noy. O make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
 grace par - take of end - less joy and glo - ry.

Sermon

Based on 1 Timothy 4:1-16

"Beyond Temple Walls to a Greater Responsibility"

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, be-
 gotten, 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**

(10:30) Presentation of Second Grade Bibles

A long-standing Salem tradition. Salem members and students in our school in 2nd Grade are gifted their own Bibles from the congregation. Pray for these students and all of the children in our congregation as they learn this year!

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 as a member here or in a sister WELS/ELS congregation. Visitors may speak to the pastor before communing.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,

heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us, grant us peace.

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.

If you have not communed with us before, please see the announcement on the inside cover of this service folder.

Hymn: Your Body, Given for Me, O Savior

CW 671



1 Your bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, your blood, which
2 With you, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly the Lord is
4 Tho' death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, it can - not
5 Thus ev - 'ry pain is dis - ap - pear-ing; one taste my



you for me have shed— these are my life and strength for—
you and you in me. In you my soul will be de -
near, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -
rob me of my cheer, for he who is of death the
heart has come to know— of Je - sus and his love en -



ev - er; by them my hun - gry soul is fed.
light - ed, as joys in - crease and sor - rows flee.
cure - ly with Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
mas - ter with help and strength is al - ways near.
dear - ing, the taste that sweet - ens ev - 'ry woe.

Refrain



O Je - sus, may your bod - y and your blood



be for my soul the high - est good.

Hymn: May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

CW 697

1 May we your pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill and do on
2 So may we join your name to bless, your grace a -
3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, u - nite our

earth our Fa - ther's will as an - gels do a - bove;
dore, your pow'r con - fess, to flee from sin and strife.
hearts, our joy in - crease, your gra-cious help sup - ply.

still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, with all your
One is our call - ing, one our name, the end of
To each of us the bless - ing give in Chris - tian

chil-dren, and o - bey the law of Chris - tian love.
all our hopes the same: a glo-rious crown of life.
fel - low - ship to live, in joy - ful hope to die.

After the distribution 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.**

Psalm 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

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 Us Ever Walk with Jesus

CW 704 sts. 1, 4

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex -
4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; since he's ris - en
am - ple pure, flee the world which would de - ceive us and to
from the dead, death and grave must soon re - lease us. Je - sus,
sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his foot - steps tread - ing,
thou art now our head. We are tru - ly thine own mem - bers,
bod - y here, yet soul a - bove, full of faith and
where thou liv - est, there live we; take and own us
hope and love, let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
con - stant - ly, faith - ful Friend, as thy dear breth - ren. Je - sus,
Lord, a - bide with me; Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.
here I live to thee, al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

Acknowledgments

Setting Three from Christian Worship

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Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy our annual Ministry Fair in the entry before and after services. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:15 am in the 1st grade classroom. (End of the upstairs hallway in school.)

For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: Beyond Temple Walls to a Greater Community

Bible Readings: 1 Samuel 20:35-42, 1 Peter 4:7-11, Luke 5:27-32

Hymns: 731, 729, 929

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.**

