

# MISSION FESTIVAL SUNDAY

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***Share the Invitation to God's Heavenly Banquet***

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***Salem Lutheran Church & School - Stillwater, MN***

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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.*

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Heavenly Father, you provide all we need for our life and health in this life, and you promise a glorious home in heaven to come. Bless us to enjoy your promises and share them with all we meet. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** God has prepared an extraordinary spiritual meal for all people as we wait for the heavenly banquet to come. It is received by faith but it is not offered forever. Death takes away the sinner's time of grace, but we have invitations to heaven in our hands to share. Those invitations go out to the Twin Cities Hmong people through the ministry of our guest preacher, Pastor Pheng Moua. May his stories move us to welcome others to the heavenly banquet.

**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 or a sister WELS/ELS church, we kindly ask that you not take communion today, but speak with a pastor after the service. We would love to share the special unity of the sacrament with you in the future.

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

Guest Preacher: Pastor Pheng Moua

Sunday Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Wolfe

Organ/Piano: Luke Dorn

Choir Directors: Luke Dorn, Jessica Wolfe

*Whether this is your first Sunday or your fiftieth, we're glad you're here. **Scan the code** to check in on the Salem app, share a prayer request, and learn more about our church, including what's happening this week and how to get connected.*

*Questions? Ask an usher or anyone nearby. We're happy to help! More information, including accessibility and family resources, is on the back page.*



# Order of Worship

*CW Hymnal, Setting Three*



## Opening Anthem: Let Your Kingdom Come

Praise Choir

*Praise Choir sings verse 1 and refrain. Congregation joins for the rest of the song.*

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.  
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.  
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.  
The cross has saved us so we pray, "Your kingdom come."

### *Refrain*

Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done, so that every one might know Your Name.  
Let Your song be heard every where on earth, til your sovereign work on earth is done.  
Let Your kingdom come.

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak.  
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.  
Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test.  
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till our dying breath. *Refrain.*

*Please stand.*

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

## Confession

CW 189

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,  
and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

**(Saturday) Hymn: O Christ, Our True and Only Light**

CW 904 sts. 1, 3, 5



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, en - light - en  
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray that they may  
5 That they with us may ev - er - more such grace with



those who sit in night; let those a - far now  
find the sav - ing way; let ev - 'ry con - science  
won - d'ring thanks a - dore and end - less praise to



hear your voice and in your fold with us re - joice.  
sore op - pressed in you find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
you be giv'n by all your Church in earth and heav'n.

**(Sunday) Response Song: Blessed Assurance**

Salem Choir, Shining Lights Choir

One thing I'm sure of, one thing I know. God walks beside me wherever I go.  
He'll never leave me, he's there to stay. God holds my hand, he lights my way.  
God's love is perfect, his arms are strong. He's right her with me, I'm not alone.  
When my heart's broken, he's there to mend. He is my Savior, he is my friend.

*Refrain*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

His love is perfect, his arms are strong. He's right here with me, I'm not alone.  
When my heart's broken, he's there to mend. He is my Savior, he is my friend. *Refrain*

## First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

*Isaiah describes the heavenly banquet believers will enjoy through faith in God for salvation.*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.

<sup>7</sup>On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Romans 1:16-17

*The gospel reveals the righteousness of Jesus that saves us through faith alone.*

<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. <sup>17</sup>For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 25:6



Refrain



On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples. **Refrain**

## Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

*The king gives us the privilege of inviting people to his wedding banquet.*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

<sup>4</sup>"Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

<sup>5</sup>"But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. <sup>6</sup>The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

<sup>8</sup>"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. <sup>9</sup>So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' <sup>10</sup>So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup>He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

<sup>13</sup>"Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

<sup>14</sup>"For many are invited, but few are chosen."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

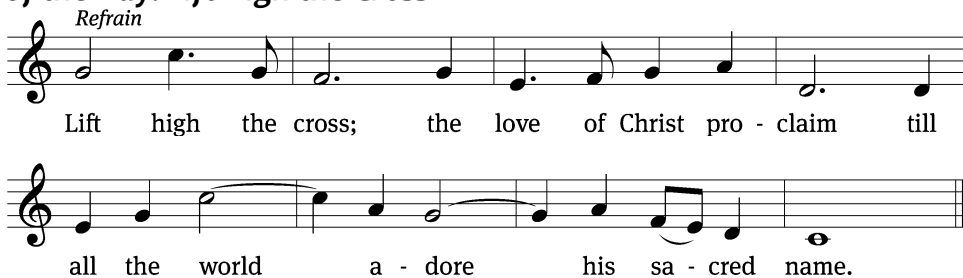
**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## Children's Message

### Hymn of the Day: Lift High the Cross

CW 900





1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



*Refrain*

our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
of him who saves our souls from death and hell.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

## Sermon

Based on Romans 1:16-17

*"Do Not Be Ashamed!"*

## 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 QR code on the screen or in the folder. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask all attendees to "check in" using the code on the back of the folder or by filing out the paper card in the pew and putting it in the basket on the rear table as you leave. Please share your prayer requests so that we can pray for you.



## Handbell Offertory

Blessed Assurance

Please stand after the offering.

## Prayer of the Church

M: Merciful Father, your kindness caused the light of the gospel to shine among us. Use us now as instruments of your love to reach out with the message of salvation to all people. Bless those who labor in the mission fields far off and near, and grant success to their witness that many may be freed from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

## 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.

## 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.*

## Distribution Hymn: Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

CW 659 sts. 1–2, 5, 7–8



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, turned a - way God's  
2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, he, this pre - cious  
5 Christ says, "Come, all you that la - bor, and re - ceive my  
7 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en un - to us such  
8 If your heart this truth pro - fess - es and your mouth your



wrath for - ev - er; by his bit - ter grief and woe  
food sup - ply - ing, gives his bod - y with the bread  
grace and fa - vor; those who feel no pain or ill  
food has giv - en and, to mend what we have done,  
sin con - fess - es, sure - ly you will be his guest



he saved us from the e - vil foe.  
and with the wine the blood he shed.  
need no phy - si - cian's help or skill."  
gave in - to death his on - ly Son.  
and at his ban - quet ev - er blest.

## Distribution Hymn: Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word

CW 902 sts. 1-4

1 Spread a - broad, O might - y Word, tell - ing  
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will made the  
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's love, who for -  
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to  
of a gra - cious Lord whose all - pow'r - ful  
world, up - holds it still, how his on - ly  
ev - er does re - move by his ho - ly  
guide us on to heav'n, strong and ho - ly,  
gos - pel call fills his heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.  
Son he gave all from sin and death to save.  
sac - ri - fice all the guilt that on us lies.  
just and true, work - ing both to will and do.

*Please stand after the distribution.*

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

**C: his mercy endures forever.**

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

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

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; 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: Go Forth and Preach the Gospel

CW 908 st. 3



3 Go forth and preach the gos - pel; go spread the news a - broad!



Pro - claim to ev - 'ry na - tion the great - ness of our God.



The Spir - it is up - on us, that all may un - der - stand



the prom - ise of sal - va - tion re - vealed to ev - 'ry land.

## Acknowledgments

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# 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 eternity.**

