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It's Time to Offer Forgiveness

The Beginning of the End >



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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: Father, you alone know the length of our days and the number of days before our Savior's glorious return. Bless me to see the urgency of my need to be forgiven, and forgive others. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: If you knew the end was near, most people would use their last days concentrating on their relationships. Spouses, children, parents, friends. Well, Scripture tells us we are living in the last days, and the forgiveness we have from God is the most important part of our most important relationship. What could matter more in our other relationships than passing that forgiveness on to others that we live. The beginning of the end is a good time to put the Lord's Prayer into practice and forgive as you have been forgiven.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Wolfe Organ: Robyn Stoller
Choir Director: Kristie Raasch Accompanist: Nancy Shult
Flautists: Lydia Wolfe, Rachel Collins

SACRED RHYTHM, THE WAY WE WORSHIP: Our new bulletin format gives us space to regularly include a fact or explanation about worship to help us understand why we do what we do, and the deep meanings we sometimes miss. We hope you enjoy this addition to our worship services. This week's quick tidbit: Do you know what the oldest non-Scripture part of our liturgy is? It's the closing "Amen" at the end of the service, described in Justin Martyr's description of worship in 165 AD. That's 1900 years of God's people ending worship by agreeing with all we've seen and heard in worship. Awesome!

*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



Hymn: By All Your Saints Still Striving

CW 892 sts. 1, 25, 3



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
2 For Luke, be - lov'd phy - si - cian, all praise, whose Gos - pel shows
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed.
the heal - er of the na - tions, the one who shares our woes.
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



You rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear the crown
Re - store our wound - ed spir - its when we have lost our way;
till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne



and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.
af - firm our Fa - ther's mer - cy and bring us home to stay.
as - cribe all pow'r and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Please stand.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the $\dagger$ 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) Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. 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 six staves of music. The first staff has a repeat sign at the end. The second staff has a slur under the notes for "high - est". The third staff has a slur under the notes for "and peace to his peo - ple on earth,". The fourth staff has a slur under the notes for "and peace to his peo - ple on earth.". The fifth staff has a slur under the notes for "Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and". The sixth staff has a slur under the notes for "Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we".

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

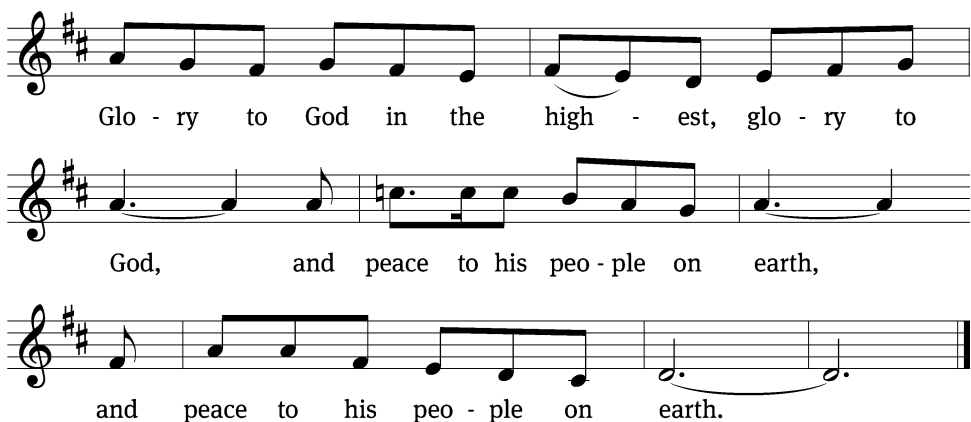
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

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.



(Sunday) Women's Chorus Anthem

Beautiful Saviour
Julie Knowles

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
 Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
 Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine!

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Grant that, by hearing and believing your Word, we may be healed of all sin and serve you with willing hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

2 Timothy 4:5-11

The evangelist, Luke, was a faithful companion to the Apostle Paul in his missionary work, and to the end of Paul's life.

⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

⁶For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

⁹Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day: To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul

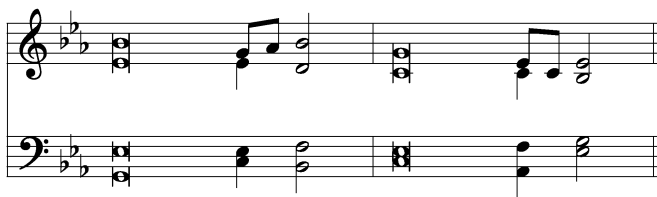
Psalm 139F

Refrain



To you, O LORD, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

Tone



You have searched me, LORD, and you / know me;
you perceive my thoughts / from afar.

You discern my going out and my / lying down;
you are familiar with / all my ways. *Refrain*

For you created my inmost / being;
you knit me together in my / mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonder- / fully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that / full well.
My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the / secret place;
your eyes saw my unformed / body.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

Second Reading

Acts 1:1-3

The evangelist, Luke, explains why he wrote his Gospel.

¹In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 2:10



Refrain



In Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

Refrain

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

The evangelist, Luke, records Jesus' summary of the Christian faith as a message of "repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

¹Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught...

⁴⁴He [*Jesus*] said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: Christ High-Ascended

CW 747



1 Christ high - as - cend - ed, now in glo - ry seat - ed, throned
 2 Christ, from the Fa - ther ev - 'ry pow'r pos - sess - ing, who
 3 Christ, who in dy - ing won for us sal - va - tion, lives
 4 Christ in his splen - dor, all do - min - ion gain - ing, Christ
 5 As at his part - ing, joy shall ban - ish griev - ing, faith



and ex - alt - ed, vic - to - ry com - plet - ed, death's dread do -
 on his cho - sen lift - ed hands in bless - ing, sends forth his
 now the first - born of the new cre - a - tion; to win dis -
 with his peo - ple ev - er - more re - main - ing, Christ to all
 in his pres - ence strength - en our be - liev - ing; filled with his



min - ion fi - nal - ly de - feat - ed, we are his wit - ness - es.
 ser - vants, still in faith con - fess - ing, we are his wit - ness - es.
 ci - ples out of ev - 'ry na - tion, we are his wit - ness - es.
 a - ges, glo - ri - ous - ly reign - ing, we are his wit - ness - es.
 Spir - it, love and pow'r re - ceiv - ing, we are his wit - ness - es.

“Faith Means Forgiveness”

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.



Please stand after the offering.

Prayer of the Church

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.

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: O Christians, Haste

CW 901



1 O Chris - tians, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Be - hold how man - y thou - sands still are ly - ing
3 Pro - claim to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
4 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,



to tell to all the world that God is light,
bound in the drear - y pris - on - house of sin
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
give of your wealth to speed them on their way;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
with none to tell them of the Sav - ior's dy - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious;



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
or of the life he died for them to win.
and died on earth that they might live a - bove.
O Chris - tians, haste to bring the bright - er day!



Pub - lish glad ti - dings, ti - dings of peace,



ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

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.**

