

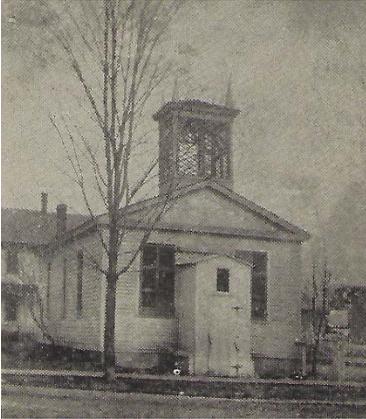
**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service  
Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church  
September 8, 2019**



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Salem's First Church



Salem Church dedicated 1893



Salem Church now



Salem has always been located on the corner of Washington and Williams Street. The original building was purchased on November 8, 1867 for \$850. The building was raised and moved to East Mason Street and used as our first school. Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church was incorporated on September 13, 1869 under the leadership of Pastor Johann Haas. The current 46x80 foot church's cornerstone was laid on July 9, 1893 and was dedicated on December 17, 1893. The tornado of November 11, 1911 took down the original steeple and a shorter steeple was erected to replace it. The educational wing was added to the back of the church in September of 1964. While the church has undergone some updates, remodeling and additions, the one thing that has remained constant is the reason for Salem Church - proclaiming the Good News of our Risen Savior to the people of Owosso and surrounding communities.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PRELUDE TO WORSHIP

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## GATHERING SONG

**Come, Christians, Join to Sing** (arrang. Behnke)

Choir sings verses 1 & 2; after an interlude, the congregation joins for verse 3

*Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Loud praise to Christ the King: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let all, with heart and voice, before the throne rejoice;*

*Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!*

*He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end:*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

- v. 3 Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

## ANNIVERSARY LITANY

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

C: **Amen.**

P: On September 13, 1869, a group of believers met together to vote on a church constitution. With the adoption of that constitution, Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church was formed. For the past 150 years, the Lord has blessed this congregation with the pure gospel offered in Word and Sacrament for the life of the world. We gather together today as members, family, and friends of this congregation to praise and thank Almighty God for his goodness.

P: Praise the Lord, O my soul;

C: **all my inmost being, praise his holy name.**

P: Praise the Lord, O my soul;

C: **and forget not all his benefits –**

P: who forgives all your sins

C: **and heals all your diseases,**

P: who redeems your life from the pit

**C: and crowns you with love and compassion,**  
P: who satisfies your desires with good things  
**C: so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**  
P: The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
**C: slow to anger, abounding in love.**  
P: He does not treat us as our sins deserve  
**C: or repay us according to our iniquities.**  
P: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
**C: so great is his love for those who fear him;**  
P: as far as the east is from the west,  
**C: so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**  
P: As a father has compassion on his children,  
**C: so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;**  
P: for he knows how we are formed,  
**C: he remembers that we are dust.**  
P: As for man, his days are like grass,  
**C: he flourishes like a flower of the field;**  
P: the wind blows over it and it is gone,  
**C: and its place remembers it no more.**  
P: But from everlasting to everlasting  
**C: the Lord's love is with those who fear him.**  
**All: Praise the Lord, O my soul. (Psalm 103)**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Isaiah 54:10-13, 17**

Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you. "O afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will build you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with sapphires. I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children's peace. No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD.

## PSALM 62

Townend Setting

The choir will sing the verses. The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrains as soon as they are comfortable.

v.1 My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation,  
a fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.  
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse, and lies, like arrows pierce me,  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness; I'll look to him who hears me. **REFRAIN**

v. 2 Find rest, my soul, in God alone amid the world's temptations.  
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation.  
Though riches come, and riches go, don't set your heart upon them.  
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven. **REFRAIN**

v. 3 I'll set my gaze on God alone, and trust in him completely,  
with ev'ry day pour out my soul; and he will prove his mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too deep to measure,  
my King has crushed the curse of death, and I am his forever. **REFRAIN (twice)**

### *Refrain*



O praise him, hal - le - lu - jah, my de -  
light and my re - ward; E - ver - last - ing, ne - ver  
fail - ling, my Re - deem - er, my God.

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Ephesians 2:8-10, 19-22**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

## **HYMN 236**

**All Praise to God Who Reigns Above**

**All praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who ev'ry sorrow stills  
To God all praise and glory!**

**The Lord will not forsake his flock, His chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand He leads his own, his chosen band  
To God all praise and glory!**

**All who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!  
All who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!  
All idols under foot be trod; the Lord is God! The Lord is God!  
To God all praise and glory!**

**Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;  
To your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness.  
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord my God did all things well  
To God all praise and glory!**

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 7:24-27**

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put

them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

### **HYMN 531**

### **Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one,  
Holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
Come with all your lovingkindness, hear your people as they pray,  
And your fullest benediction speak within these walls today.**

**Grant, we pray, to all your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain,  
What they gain from you forever with the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.**

**Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,  
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!**

**SERMON – Pastor Jonathan Balge**

**Isaiah 54:10**

**OFFERING - Handbells**

**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, at this anniversary we reflect on your past help and are encouraged in our hope for the future.

We praise you for keeping and sustaining your people through the ages and for preserving the preaching of your Word and the administration of your sacraments among us. We praise you also for using us to bring to others the good news that sinners are reconciled to you through the life and death of Jesus Christ.

Now we ask you to give us courage and hope as we move day by day into the future. Keep safe all those who assemble here in your name. Do not permit the evil one to pluck us out of your mighty hand. Strengthen us in the confidence that you have already overcome our greatest enemies: sin, death, and the devil. Increase our trust in your precious promise that you are with us always. Cause your Holy Spirit to work mightily in us and through us, so that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord

and Savior Jesus Christ. Be with us as we strive to pass down to our children the truths that have been passed down to us. Continue to make our congregation a beacon of your light in this sin-darkened world.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent Prayer*

Grant that this celebration of your gracious activity in years and ages past be only the prelude to that far greater celebration we will enjoy forever in the joy and glory of the world to come. Still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home. Amen.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Vater unser, der du bist im Himmel,

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,**

P: Geheiligt werde dein Name.

**C: Hallowed be thy name.**

P: Dein Reich komme.

**C: Thy kingdom come.**

P: Dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel, also auch auf Erden.

**C: They will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

P: Unser täglich Brot gib uns heute.

**C: Give us this day our daily bread.**

P: Und vergib uns unsere Schuld, als wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern.

**C: And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

P: Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,

**C: And lead us not into temptation,**

P: Sondern erlöse uns von dem Übel.

**C: but deliver us from evil.**

P: Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit. Amen.

**C: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **HYMN 752**

### **In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am his and he is mine - bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**P:** Lord God, you have created us, giving us our bodies and souls, our talents and abilities.

**C:** **We dedicate ourselves to serving you with the gifts you have given us.**

**P:** Lord Jesus, you have redeemed us, reclaiming us from sin and Satan by your suffering, death and resurrection.

**C:** **We dedicate ourselves to serving you with our lives and daily activities.**

**P:** Holy Spirit, you have sanctified us, bringing us to faith through the Gospel.

**C:** **We dedicate ourselves to serving you by devoting ourselves to the study of your Word. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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:** **(sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (arrang. Blersch)

Congregation sings verses 1, 2 and 4; Choir sings v. 3

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need that hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe now means deadly woe; deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight; on earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One, whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.

v. 3 *Though devils all the world should fill, all eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; they shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us, can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word, one little word, one little word can fell him.*

The Word they still shall let remain nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain with His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Those these all be gone, our vict'ry has been won; the Kingdom ours remaineth.

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**ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY!**  
**September 2019**

Today we celebrate the anniversaries of our workers. Following is a list of all Salem workers. The people with 5, 10, 15, etc. years of service to Salem are recognized with an appreciation gift. We thank these people for their dedicated service to our Savior and our church.

	<b>at Salem</b>	<b>in Ministry</b>
<b>Church Workers</b>		
James Bare - pastor	21 years	32
Paul Wilde – pastor	1 year	1
Esther Matthies - secretary	23 years	
Ed Perry - custodian	11 years	
<b>School Workers</b>		
<b>Anthony Perry-7th, 8th, principal</b>	<b>15 years</b>	<b>25</b>
Edwin Voeltz - 5th & 6th	38 years	40
Greg Milbrath - 3rd & 4th	41 years	41
Pam Perry- 1st & 2nd	7 years	11
Tonya Aschenbrenner	2 years	2
Kelly LaHaine- preschool aide	3 years	
Tom Fuller - custodian	17 years	
Daisy Blaha- secretary	12 years	
<b>Sunday School Workers</b>		
Carol Hill	28 years	
<b>Lynn Numerich</b>	<b>10 years</b>	
<b>Robb Dettman</b>	<b>10 years</b>	

**Thank you to the many people who helped with today's special services!**

**This week at Salem**

Sunday (8)	8 & 10:30am	Anniversary Celebration Services
	Noon	Dinner at school
Monday (9)	6:30pm	Bible Information Class
	6:30pm	PTO at school
Tuesday (10)	10:30am	Bible Class
	7:00pm	Elders
Wednesday (11)	6:00pm	Handbells
	6:30pm	Bible Information Class
	7:15pm	Choir
Thursday (12)	7:00pm	Communion Service
Sunday (15)	8 & 10:30am	Communion Services
	9:30am	Sunday School/ Bible Class
	1:30pm	Youth Confirmation Class

**The Owosso Lutheran Hour broadcast** of today's service is provided by the Milbrath family, in memory of Greg's mother, Nancy, with memorial gifts given to the family at the time of her death on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Greg and Cindy Milbrath would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, expressions of sympathy, and memorials given in memory of Greg's mom.

**The Altar Flowers** are placed by Ray and Tiffany Doyle in honor of their 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Attendance:** August 22 & 25                      40+83+126= 249  
                    August 29 & September 1        33+54+96= 183

**New ways to give your offering to Salem:**

**Online giving:** You can give an offering to Salem by going to <https://faithlife.com/selc-5/give> and follow the prompts.

**Text giving:** Text to Give" through Faithlife. Simply text the word Give with the amount (e.g. Give 100) to (989)200-3454. You will receive a follow-up text to add payment information. The gift can be cancelled by texting "cancel gift" within 30 minutes if an error was made.