

**Salem Ev Lutheran Church  
Lent 1**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde  
February 18 & 21, 2021**

**SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN 121**

**Jesus, grant that balm and healing In your holy wounds I find,  
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling Pains of body and of mind.  
Should some evil thought within Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,  
Show the peril, and from sinning Keep me from its first beginning.**

**Should some lust or sharp temptation Fascinate my sinful mind,  
Let me think about your passion, And new courage I shall find.  
Or should Satan press me hard, Let me then be on my guard,  
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded," That the tempter flee confounded.**

**If the world my heart entices With the broad and easy road,  
With seductive, sinful vices, Let me think about the load  
You were willing to endure; Then I'll flee all thoughts impure,  
Mastering each wild temptation, Calm in prayer and meditation.**

**O my God, my Rock and Tower, Grant that in your death I trust,  
Knowing death has lost his power Since you crushed him in the dust.  
Savior, let your agony Ever help and comfort me;  
When I die be my protection, light and life and resurrection.**

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

C: Amen.

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us 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 LESSON**

**Genesis 22:1-18**

Some time later God tested Abraham. He called to him, "Abraham!" Abraham answered, "I am here." God said, "Now take your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains there, the one to which I direct you." Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, along with Isaac his son. Abraham split the wood for the burnt offering. Then he set out to go to the place that God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go on over there. We will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and loaded it on Isaac his son. He took the firepot and the knife in his hand. The two of them went on together. Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father?" He said, "I am here, my son." He said, "Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them went on together. They came to the place that God had told him about. Abraham built the altar there. He arranged the wood, tied up Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. The Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" Abraham said, "I am here." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy. Do not do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." Abraham looked around and saw that behind him there was a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. Abraham called the name of that place "The Lord Will Provide." So it is said to this day, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided." The Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "I have sworn by myself, declares the Lord, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will bless you greatly, and I will multiply your descendants greatly, like the stars of the sky and like the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the city gates of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

## **HYMN 290, v 1**

**One thing's needful; Lord, this treasure Teach me highly to regard.  
All else, though it first give pleasure, Is a yoke that presses hard.  
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,  
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.  
This one thing is needful; all others are vain --  
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

**Romans 8:31-39**

What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him? Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who

justifies! Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God's right hand and who is also interceding for us! What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? Just as it is written: For your sake we are being put to death all day long. We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

### **GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:12-15**

The Spirit immediately sent Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels were serving him. After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. "The time is fulfilled," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel."

### **HYMN OF THE DAY 200**

**A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That has 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.  
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is,  
The almighty Lord. And there's no other God;  
He holds the field forever.**

**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 none. He's judged; the deed is done!  
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 do what they will -- Hate, steal, hurt, or kill --  
Though all may be gone, Our victory is won;  
The kingdom's ours forever!**

**SERMON**

**Genesis 22:1-18**

## **What Would You Give Up?**

### **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, begotten, 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 fully 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.**

### **RESPONSE HYMN 457**

**Fight the good fight With all your might;  
Christ is your strength and Christ your light.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Your joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race Through God's good grace;  
Lift up your eyes and seek his face.  
Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside, Lean on your guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide.  
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life and Christ its love.**

**Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.  
He changes not, and you are dear.  
Only believe, and you will see  
That Christ is Lord eternally.**

## **PRAYERS**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE SACRAMENT**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

**♪ Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glory.  
You are my God, and I will exalt you.  
I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

### **Words of Institution**

P: 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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

♪ **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.**  
**Amen.**

### **Distribution**

*The communicant members of Salem are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Because the Bible has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in the sacrament, and that receiving the sacrament together is a public statement of oneness in our beliefs and commitment, we ask our guests to speak with a pastor prior to the service before communing. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our convictions before we've had an opportunity to explain them. The pastors would be happy to explore our convictions with you, on the basis of God's Word, so that you might commune with us in the future!*

*Communicants who desire grape juice instead of wine may indicate so by raising an index finger as they approach the pastor. If you require a gluten free wafer, please speak to a pastor prior to worship.*

### **Prayer**

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: 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: Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **HYMN 714**

**The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!**

#### **Refrain**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!  
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.**

**The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.**

***Refrain***

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!  
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.**

**The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, his will, On our behalf the law to fill.**

***Refrain***

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!  
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.**

**He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, He gives me his own righteousness.**

***Refrain***

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!  
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.**

**He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong 'Til ev'ry heart to him belong.**

***Refrain***

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!  
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.**

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**Offerings are collected at the door on your way out.** If you're a visitor today, we're glad to have you as our guest. Please don't feel any obligation to participate in this part of our worship. In fact, we hope you'll consider this service our gift to you! The offering is an opportunity for those of us who are regular attenders to invest tangibly in what God is doing here. If you do wish to give an offering, we thank you for praising God with your generosity.

**The Altar Flowers are placed** by Mike & Sandy Lahmann in thankfulness for their many blessings.

**This week at Salem**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8 &amp; 10:30am</b>	<b>Communion Services</b>
	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Bible Class</b>
	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Public School Confirmation Class</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Bible Class</b>
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Board for Christian Education</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Church Council</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>noon</b>	<b>MASK REQUIRED Lenten Service</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Lenten Service</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>MASK REQUIRED Worship Service</b>

	<b>February 7</b>	<b>To Date</b>
Offerings received	\$17,380.16	\$ 67,413.53
FEF/Tuition/ Reg	\$ 605.63	\$ 3,293.22
Other/ Interest	\$	\$ 348.64
Total:	\$17,985.79	\$ 71,055.39
Budgetary needs	\$12,497.54	\$74,985.24
Difference	\$ 5,488.25	-\$ 3,929.49



Owed to internal line of credit: \$0

**Please let us know if you do not want a 2022 box of envelopes ordered for your use.** Perhaps you are giving only on-line or perhaps you prefer not to use an envelope because you don't itemize and don't need or want a year-end statement of your total offerings. So please contact the church office by February 28<sup>th</sup> if you do not want a 2022 envelope box!

**The Flint And Saginaw Pregnancy Care Centers Need Your Help!**

The Flint Center especially needs volunteers for this important and rewarding ministry. If you would like to volunteer, but are nervous to do it alone, Meghan Wilde will be going through volunteer training soon, and would love company! Speak to her if you would like to join her. See the bulletin insert "Speaking Up" for more information on what volunteering entails and for information about some of the other many ways you can help. The Flint Center is also in special need of boys' and girls' winter pajamas in sizes 18mo, 2T, 3T and 4T. If your children have outgrown those sizes, there are families who would be thankful for gently used pajamas. If you like to shop, check the clearance racks now for winter pj's as there may be some good deals to be had. Donations can be brought to the church office.

