

**Salem Ev Lutheran Church
Lent 2**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde
February 25 & 28, 2021**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 397, 1,2,3,5

**Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob set out from Beersheba and traveled toward Haran. He came to a certain place and decided to spend the night there, because the sun had set. He took one of the stones from that place, put it under his head, and lay down to sleep in that place. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway set up on the earth with its top reaching to heaven. There were angels of God ascending and descending on it. There at the top stood the Lord, who said, "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. The land on which you are lying, I give to you and to your descendants. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south. In you and in your seed all the families of the earth will be blessed. Now, I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back again into this land. Indeed, I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised to you." Jacob woke up from his sleep, and he said, "Certainly the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and he said, "How awe-inspiring is this place! This is nothing other than the house of God, and this is the gate to heaven."

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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God. Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us. For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. And not only is this so, but we also go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on the cross.

GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things; be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the experts in the law; be killed; and after three days rise again. He was speaking plainly to them. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But after turning around and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! You do not have your mind set on the things of God, but the things of men." He called the crowd and his disciples together and said to them, "If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. After all, what good is it for a man to gain the whole world and yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? In fact, whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

HYMN OF THE DAY 428

**Why should cross and trial grieve me?
Christ is near With his cheer; Never will he leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven
That God's Son For me won When his life was given?**

**When life's troubles rise to meet me,
Though their weight May be great, They will not defeat me.
God, my loving Savior, sees them;
He who knows All my woes Knows how best to end them.**

**God gives me my days of gladness,
And I will Trust him still When he sends me sadness.
God is good; his love attends me
Day by day, Come what may, Guides me and defends me.**

**Since I know God never fails me,
In his voice I'll rejoice When grim death assails me.
Trusting in my Savior's merit,
Safe at last, Troubles past, I shall heav'n inherit.**

SERMON

Genesis 28:10-17

The Portal to Paradise

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE HYMN 215

**Jerusalem, my happy home,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?**

**When shall these eyes thy heav'n-built walls
And pearly gates behold,
Thy bulwarks with salvation strong
And streets of shining gold?**

**Oh, when, thou city of my God,
Shall I thy courts ascend?
Where evermore the angels sing,
The Sabbath has no end.**

**Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Savior stand,
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.**

**O Christ, do thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see thee and adore
With all thy saints above.**

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.

M: 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 439

**Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
 Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
 Without your grace and favor I go astray;
 So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.**

**Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
 For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
 Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
 For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.**

**Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
 I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home,
 And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
 So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.**

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WELS CONNECTION

The Owosso Lutheran Hour broadcast is provided in loving memory of the Lindauer family.

The Sunday Altar Flowers are placed by Owen & Karen Prussner in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary.

Calling all choir members: We are planning on recording the Hallelujah chorus for our Easter services this year. We will be doing this after the 10:30am service on March 21st. Music is available on the back table for those interested in participating. (Choir members should have music in their folder.)

This week at Salem

Sun 8:00am Worship Service
10:30am Worship Services
9:30am Bible Class
1:30pm Public Confirmation Class
Tues 10:30am Bible Class
Wed noon Mask required Lenten Service
7:00pm Lenten Service
Thur 7:00pm Mask required Communion Service

	Feb 14	Year to Date
Offerings	\$7,201.93	\$74,615.46
FEF/Tuition & / Reg	\$ 0	\$ 3,293.22
Other/ Interest	\$ 0	\$ 348.64
Total:	\$7,201.93	\$78,257.32
Budget needs	\$12,497.54	\$87,482.78
Difference	-\$5,295.61	-\$9,225.10

Owed to internal line of credit: \$0



Online giving

Salem Lutheran Church

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10:30 am Bible Class	3 Lent 3 12:00 pm Mask required Lenten Service 7:00 pm Lenten Service	4 7:00 pm MASK REQUIRED SERVICE	5	6
7 8:00 am Communion 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Communion 1:30 pm Public Confirmation Class	8 7:00 pm Elders Meeting	9 10:30 am Bible Class	10 Lent 4 12:00 pm Mask required Lenten Service 7:00 pm Lenten Service	11 7:00 pm MASK REQUIRED SERVICE	12	13
14 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship 1:30 pm Public Confirmation Class	15	16 10:30 am Bible Class 5:30 pm BCE 6:15 pm Church Properties 7:00 pm Church Council	17 Lent 5 12:00 pm Mask required Lenten Service 7:00 pm Lenten Service	18 7:00 pm MASK REQUIRED SERVICE	19	20
21 8:00 am Communion 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Communion 1:30 pm Public Confirmation Class	22	23 10:30 am Bible Class	24 Lent 6 12:00 pm Mask required Lenten Service 7:00 pm Lenten Service	25 7:00 pm MASK REQUIRED SERVICE	26	27
28 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship 1:30 pm Public Confirmation Class	29 No School - Spring Break	30 No School - Spring Break	31 No School - Spring Break	April 1 Maundy Thursday Communion Services Noon MASK Required Service 7:00pm Service	April 2 Good Friday Communion Services Noon MASK Required Service 5:00pm Service 7:00pm Service	