

**Salem Ev Lutheran Church  
Pentecost 7**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde  
July 16 & 19, 2020**

**SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN 336**

**"Come unto me, ye weary, And I will give you rest."  
O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!  
It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,  
Of joy that has no ending, Of love that cannot cease.**

**"Come unto me, ye wand'rers, And I will give you light."  
O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night!  
Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way;  
But thou hast brought us gladness And songs at break of day.**

**"Come unto me, ye fainting, And I will give you life."  
O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager; The fight is fierce and long;  
But thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.**

**"And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out."  
O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,  
Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free,  
Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to thee!**

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

**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: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## **FIRST LESSON**

**Joshua 23:1-11**

After many days, when the Lord had given Israel rest from all its enemies all around, when Joshua had grown old and advanced in years, Joshua summoned all Israel—its elders, its heads, its judges, and its officers, and he said to them: “I have grown old and advanced in years. You yourselves have seen everything that the Lord your God has done for you against all these nations. Yes, the Lord your God was fighting for you! See now, I have allotted to your tribes an inheritance from these nations that remain unconquered, as well as from the nations that I have destroyed. It extends from the Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. The Lord your God himself will push them away from you and drive them out of your presence, until they perish. He will send wild animals among them until he completely destroys them and their kings from your presence and you will take possession of their land, just as the Lord your God promised you. You must be very resolute in carrying out all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses by not turning from it to the right or to the left, by not intermingling with these nations that remain with you. Do not ever call on or swear by the names of their gods. Never serve them and never bow down to them. But hold fast to the Lord your God, just as you have been doing to this day. The Lord has driven out great and powerful nations from among you. As for you, no one has stood up against you to this day. One of you would put a thousand to flight because the Lord your God himself was fighting for you, just as he promised you. Therefore, for your own sakes be very careful to love the Lord your God.”

## **HYMN 279, v 1**

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,  
We praise you for the radiance That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

**Hebrews 4:1-11**

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be fearful that any one of you may be judged to have failed to reach it. In fact, we have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did. But the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united in faith with those who did listen. Indeed, we who believe are going to enter his rest. It happened just as he vowed when he said: “So I swore an oath in my wrath, “They will never enter my rest.”” And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” And again in this statement: “They will never enter my rest.” Therefore, since it is still the case that some do enter this rest, and yet those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not enter because of disobedience, God again set a certain day, namely, “today,” when he later said through David, as quoted before: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” For, if Joshua had given them rest, then God would not have spoken later about another day. So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who enters God’s rest also rests from his own

work, just as God rested from his work. Therefore, let us make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall into the same pattern of disobedience.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia.

### **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 11:25-30**

At that time, Jesus continued, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from clever and learned people and have revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, because this was pleasing to you. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him. Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

### **HYMN OF THE DAY 372**

**I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains  
White in his blood most precious Till not a spot remains.**

**I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in him.  
He heals all my diseases; My soul he does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.**

**I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine.  
His right hand me embraces; I in his arms recline.  
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.**

**I long to be like Jesus: Meek, loving, lowly, mild;  
I long to be like Jesus, The Father's holy child.  
I long to be with Jesus Amid the heav'nly throng  
To sing with saints his praises, To learn the angels' song.**

**SERMON**

**GOD'S PROMISED REST**

**Hebrews 4:1-11**

### **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 727**

**There is a higher throne than all this world has known,  
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;  
Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.**

#### *Refrain*

**Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings.  
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are  
to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.**

**And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.  
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King; we'll reign with him.**

#### *Refrain*

**Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings.  
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.  
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### **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**

**♪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **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. Amen.

### **Announcements**

#### **HYMN 728**

**Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest—  
The sight of it refreshes The weary and oppressed:  
I know not, oh, I know not What joys await us there,  
What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare:  
To sing the hymn unending With all the martyr throng,  
Amidst the halls of Zion Resounding full with song.**

**Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!  
Oh, sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect,  
Where they who with their leader Have conquered in the fight  
Forever and forever Are clad in robes of white.  
Jesus in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest  
Where sings the host of heaven Your glorious name to bless.**

**The Christ is ever with them; The daylight is serene.  
The pastures of the blessed Are ever rich and green.  
There is the throne of David; And there from care released,  
The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast.  
To God enthroned in glory The Church's voices blend,  
The Lamb forever blessed, The Light that knows no end.**

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**The Owosso Lutheran Hour** is provided by a member in thankfulness for our radio ministry.

**The Altar Flowers** are placed in loving memory of Alyssa Rose Feinauer by Ron & Amy and family.

**Marguerite Meiers'** 100<sup>th</sup> birthday is July 29. Cards may be sent to her at Brookdale Delta Assisted Living 7323 Delta Commerce Dr, Lansing MI 48917.

**Monday Funday:** There are three Monday Fundays planned that children can participate in: July 27, August 3 & 10. The sign-up link is on our website as well as included in the emailed bulletin.

	<b>July 5</b>	<b>To Date</b>
Offerings received	\$13,415.76	\$297,206.98
FEF/Tuition/ Reg	\$ 0	\$ 8,566.46
Other/ Interest	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 772.41</u>
Total:	\$13,415.76	\$306,545.85
Budgetary needs	\$12,588.37	\$339,817.41
Difference	\$ 829.93	-\$ 33,271.53
Owed to internal line of credit:		\$0

