

**Salem Ev Lutheran Church
Saints Triumphant**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde
November 12 & 15, 2020**

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 206

**"Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
The watchmen on the heights are crying,
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Oh, where are all you virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes -- awake!
Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia!
With bridal care Yourself prepare
To meet the Bridegroom who is near."**

**Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom,
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;
Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.
"Now come, O Blessed One,
Christ Jesus, God's own Son. Hail! Hosanna!
The joyful call We answer all
And follow to the wedding hall."**

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: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; 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

Isaiah 52:1-6

Wake, awake! Clothe yourself with strength, O Zion. Put on your beautiful garments, Jerusalem, you holy city, for never again will the uncircumcised and the unclean enter you. Shake off the dust. Get up and take your seat, Jerusalem. Loosen the chains from your neck, you captive daughter of Zion. Yes, this is what the Lord says. You were sold for nothing, and you will be redeemed without money. Yes, this is what the Lord God says. In the beginning, my people went down to Egypt to stay there for a while. Later Assyria oppressed them without cause. Now what do I have here? declares the Lord. Indeed, my people have been taken away for nothing. Their rulers howl with mockery, declares the Lord. My name is continually despised all day. Therefore my people will know my name. So on that day they will know that I am the one—the one who is saying, “Here I am!”

HYMN 284 1,4

**How precious is the Book divine,
By inspiration giv'n!
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine
To guide our souls to heav'n.**

**This lamp through all the dreary night
Of life shall guide our way
Till we behold the clearer light
Of an eternal day.**

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you do not grieve in the same way as the others, who have no hope. Indeed, if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then in the same way we also believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus. In fact, we tell you this by the word of the Lord: We who are alive and left until the coming of the Lord will certainly not go on ahead of those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; but the wise took oil in their containers with their lamps. While the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, ‘No, there may not be enough for us and for you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ But while they were away buying oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later, the other virgins also came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, let us in.’ But he answered, ‘Amen I tell you: I do not know you.’ Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

HYMN OF THE DAY 730

Refrain

*Blessed are they which are called, Blessed are they which are called,
Blessed are they which are called To the marriage feast of the Lamb.*

**Multitudes, clothed in white robes, From ev’ry nation and tongue,
Stood before God and the Lamb At the marriage feast of the Lamb.**

**They’ll neither hunger nor thirst, Death, sorrow, pain vanquished now,
God wipes all tears from their eyes By the marriage feast of the Lamb.**

Refrain

*Blessed are they which are called, Blessed are they which are called,
Blessed are they which are called To the marriage feast of the Lamb.*

**Blessing and honor, they cry, Unto the Lamb that was slain,
Redeeming us with his blood In the marriage feast of the Lamb.**

**Servant, saint, martyr at rest Sanctified, ransomed, restored,
Thund’rously sing a new song Of the marriage feast of the Lamb.**

Refrain

*Blessed are they which are called, Blessed are they which are called,
Blessed are they which are called To the marriage feast of the Lamb.*

**Worthy are you, Lamb of God, To receive glory and praise.
Alleluia and amen! For the marriage feast of the Lamb.**

Refrain

*Blessed are they which are called, Blessed are they which are called,
Blessed are they which are called To the marriage feast of the Lamb.*

SERMON

WATCH! WAIT! WIN!

Matthew 25:1-13

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 214

**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.**

**There is the throne of David, And there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast;
And they who with their leader Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever Are clad in robes of white.**

**Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest;
You are with God the Father And Spirit ever blest.**

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 219

**Lord, when your glory I shall see
And taste your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought,
To stand in joy beside you.**

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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 Owosso Lutheran Hour is provided by a family in thankfulness to God for His many blessings.

**In Loving Memory of
Margo Ann Rust
Entered life: May 18, 1954
Entered eternal life: November 11, 2020**

The **Sunday Altar Flowers** are placed by Tyler and Kelly March who were united in marriage at Salem yesterday.

This week at Salem

Sunday	8 & 10:30am	Communion Services
	9:30am	Bible Class AT CHURCH
	1:30pm	Public School Confirmation Class
Monday	6:30pm	Bible Study VIA ZOOM
Tuesday	10:30am	Bible Class AT CHURCH
	5:30pm	Board for Christian Education
	6:15pm	Church Properties
	7:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	6:00pm	Handbells
	7:00pm	Bible Information Class
Thursday	5:00pm	Masks Required Worship Service
	7:00pm	Worship Service

Thank you to the many, many people who filled out the Covid survey. Something we are going to try is adding a Thursday, 5pm MASKS REQUIRED service. This will start this Thursday. Since there will not be a Thursday evening service on November 26th, the mask required Thanksgiving service will be Wednesday at 5pm.

Thanksgiving Service Opportunities

Wednesday, Nov 25	5:00pm	Masks Required Festival Service
	7:00pm	Festival Service
Thursday, Nov 26	10:00am	Festival Service (this service will be livestreamed)

2021 Calendars are available. The cost is \$7. Place your money in the envelope attached to the calendar and put it in the offering plate after church.

	November 1	To Date
Offerings received	\$ 10,496.97	\$469,387.47
FEF/Tuition/ Reg	\$ 0	\$ 28,197.98
Other/ Interest	\$ 7.00	\$ 1,008.95
Total:	\$10,503.97	\$498,594.40
Budgetary needs	\$12,588.37	\$553,776.52
Difference	-\$2,084.40	-\$55,182.12
Owed to internal line of credit:		\$0

