

**Salem Ev Lutheran Church
Pentecost 19**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde
October 8 & 11, 2020**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 302

**Lord, to you I make confession:
I have sinned and gone astray;
I have multiplied transgression,
Chosen for myself my way.
Led by you to see my errors,
Lord, I tremble at your terrors.**

**Yet, though conscience' voice appall me,
Father, I will seek your face.
Though your child I dare not call me,
Yet receive me to your grace.
Do not for my sins forsake me;
Do not let your wrath o'er take me.**

**For your Son has suffered for me,
Giv'n himself to rescue me,
Died to save me and restore me,
Reconciled and set me free.
Jesus' cross alone can vanquish
These dark fears and soothe this anguish.**

**Lord, on you I cast my burden
Sink it in the depths below!
Let me know your gracious pardon;
Wash me, make me white as snow.
Let your Spirit leave me never;
Make me only yours forever.**

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 Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me. What do you mean, you who keep repeating this proverb concerning the soil of Israel, "Fathers eat sour grapes, and their sons' teeth are set on edge"? As surely as I live, declares the Lord God, you will never again use this proverb in Israel. Indeed, all souls are mine. The soul of the father is mine just like the soul of the son. The soul who sins is the one who will die. But you say, "The Lord's way is not fair." Listen now, house of Israel. Is it my way that is not fair? Is it not your ways that are not fair? If a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and practices unrighteousness, he will die because of it. Because of the unrighteousness that he has practiced, he will die. But if a wicked man turns from his wickedness that he has done and practices justice and righteousness, he will preserve his life. Because he has seen and turned away from all the rebellious acts that he had committed, he will surely live, and he will not die. But the house of Israel says, "The Lord's way is not fair." Is it really my ways that are not fair, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are not fair? Therefore, I will judge each one of you according to his ways, O house of Israel, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn away from all your rebellious acts, so that you will not set out a stumbling block that makes you guilty. Throw off from yourselves all your rebellious actions by which you have rebelled, and obtain a new heart and a new spirit for yourselves. Why should you die, O house of Israel? For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies, declares the Lord God. So repent and live!

HYMN

**Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior.**

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being united in spirit, and having one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility consider one another better than yourselves. Let each of you look carefully not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God

as a prize to be displayed, but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

“What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go work today in my vineyard.’ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. He came to the second and said the same thing. The second son answered, ‘I will go, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said to him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Amen I tell you: The tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, but you did not believe him. However, the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him. Even when you saw this, you did not change your mind and believe him.”

HYMN OF THE DAY 308

**"As surely as I live," God said,
"I would not have the sinner dead,
But that he turn from error's ways,
Repent, and live through endless days."**

**To us, therefore, Christ gave command:
"Go forth and preach in ev'ry land;
Bestow on all my pard'ning grace
Who will repent of sinful ways.**

**"All those whose sins you thus remit
I truly pardon and acquit,
And those whose sins you do retain
Condemned and guilty shall remain.**

**"What you will bind, that bound shall be;
What you will loose, that shall be free;
Unto my Church the keys are giv'n
To op'n and close the gates of heav'n."**

**The words which absolution give
Are his who died that we might live;
The minister whom Christ has sent
Is but his humble instrument.**

**When ministers lay on their hands,
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;**

**He who by grace the Word believes
Forgiveness, sure and sweet, receives.**

**Praise God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
As was, is now, and so shall be
Forever and eternally!**

SERMON

FOCUS ON FAIRNESS!

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

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 402

**My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.**

**Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day Be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide.
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!**

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 369

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!**

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The Owosso Lutheran Hour is provided in honor of Dale Doederlein's birthday by Ed & Karen Perry.

The Sunday Altar Flowers are placed by Wanda Rathbun in thankfulness to God for her many blessings.

Thank you! Tom & Neva Maier would like to thank everyone who remembered them with cards and well wishes for their anniversary.

This week at Salem

Sunday	8 & 10:30am	Worship Services
	9:30am	Bible Class AT SCHOOL
	1:30pm	Public Confirmation Class
Monday	6:30pm	Salary & Housing Committee Meeting
	7:00pm	Elders' Meeting
Tuesday	10:30am	Bible Class AT CHURCH
	6:30pm	Budget Meeting
	7:00pm	Sisters Serving Christ Meeting
Wednesday	6:00pm	Handbells
	7:00pm	Bible Information Class
Thursday	7:00pm	Communion Service

Thank you! Dale Doederlein would like to thank everyone who remembered him with a card for his birthday. They were all wonderful. He is thankful for all of his Salem family members.

Looking for pictures: We are updating the school website and looking to add pictures of previous students. If you have some you'd like to share, please email them to school@salemowosso.org. If you do not have digital copies, you can bring pictures to the school and the secretary can scan them.

	September 27	To Date
Offerings received	\$ 8,752.92	\$415,042.56
FEF/Tuition/ Reg	\$ 418.63	\$ 25,391.72
Other/ Interest	\$ 8.35	\$ 969.85
Total:	\$ 9,179.90	\$441,404.13



Budgetary needs	\$12,588.37	\$490,847.37**
Difference	-\$3,408.47	-\$ 49,443.24

** Budgetary needs are based on our 2020 budget; our expenses in 2020 have been considerably under-budget due to Covid closures.

Owed to internal line of credit: \$0