

**Salem Ev Lutheran Church
Pentecost 15**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde
September 10 & 13, 2020**

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 368

**O Savior, precious Savior, Whom, yet unseen, we love,
O name of might and favor, All other names above,
We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee, Our holy Lord and King.**

**O Bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought,
We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee, Our gracious Lord and King.**

**In thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine.
We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee, Our glorious Lord and King.**

**Oh, grant the consummation Of this our song above
In endless adoration And everlasting love!
Then shall we praise and bless thee Where perfect praises ring
And evermore confess thee, Our Savior and our King.**

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: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you understand. Remember me and care for me. Take vengeance for me on those who persecute me. You are slow to anger. Do not take me away. Keep in mind that for your sake I bear disgrace. Your words came to me, and I devoured them. Your words became my joy, the delight of my heart, because I bear your name, O Lord God of Armies. I did not sit with the band of partygoers, nor did I celebrate with them. I sat alone, because your hand was upon me. You filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unending? Why is my wound incurable, refusing to heal? Will you be as deceptive as an intermittent stream to me, like a source of water that a person can't depend on? Therefore this is what the Lord says. If you repent, I will take you back, so that you may stand before me. If what you say is worthwhile and not worthless, you will be my spokesman. They must turn to you, but you must not turn to them. I will make you like a bronze wall to this people. They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, because I am with you to save you and to rescue you, declares the Lord. I will rescue you from the hand of the wicked, and I will deliver you from the grasp of the ruthless.

HYMN 596:1,2

**Let me be yours forever, My faithful God and Lord;
Let me forsake you never Nor wander from your Word.
Lord, do not let me waver But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace and favor Your holy name I'll bless.**

**Lord Jesus, my salvation, My light, my life divine,
My only consolation, To you I all resign,
For you have dearly bought me With blood and bitter pain.
Let me, since you have sought me, Eternal life obtain.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship. Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect. So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith. If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-26

From that time, Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law, and be killed, and on the third day be raised again. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "May you receive mercy, Lord! This will never happen to you." But Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a snare to me because you are not thinking the things of God, but the things of men." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. In fact whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. After all, what will it benefit a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what can a person give in exchange for his soul?"

HYMN OF THE DAY 598

**My Maker, be with me The light of life to give,
And guide me patiently While here on earth I live.
To you my heart I tender And all my pow'rs surrender;
Make it my one endeavor To love and serve you ever.
Help me your loving care to see; My Maker, be with me.**

**My Savior, wash me clean With your most precious blood,
That takes away all sin And seals my peace with God.
My soul will rest securely, For you still love me dearly;
Now I find full salvation And freedom from damnation.
Without you, lost, defiled by sin, My Savior, wash me clean.**

**My Comforter, give pow'r That I may stand secure
When in temptation's hour The world and sin allure.
The Son to me revealing, Inspire my thought and feeling,
His Word of grace to ponder Nor let me from him wander.
On me your gifts and graces show'r: My Comforter, give pow'r.**

**O Holy Trinity, To whom I all things owe,
Your presence graciously Within my heart bestow.
Though I am weak and lowly, I am your temple holy.
My praise shall rise unending For grace so condescending.
Oh, heav'nly bliss, your own to be, O Holy Trinity!**

SERMON CHILDREN OF GOD, STAND STRONG IN THE LORD! Jeremiah 15:15-21

Th & 8am 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 447

**Who trusts in God, A strong abode
In heav'n and earth possesses;
Who looks in love To Christ above --
No fear his heart oppresses.
In you alone, Dear Lord, we own
Sweet hope and consolation,
Our shield from foes, Our balm for woes,
Our great and sure salvation.**

**Though Satan's wrath Beset our path
And worldly scorn assail us,
While you are near, We will not fear;
Your strength will never fail us.
Your rod and staff Will keep us safe
And guide our steps forever;
Nor shades of death Nor hell beneath
Our souls from you will sever.**

**In all the strife Of mortal life
Our feet will stand securely.
Temptation's hour Will lose its pow'r,
For you will guard us surely.
O God, renew With heav'nly dew
Our body, soul, and spirit
Until we stand At your right hand
Through Jesus' saving merit.**

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.

10:30am Rite of Confirmation

**Audrey Doyle
Sarah Kneesel**

**Danika Hoenshell
Joshua Kneesel**

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

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

10:30am Rite of Graduation

Cecelia Atkins Danika Hoenshell

HYMN 422

**Jesus, lead us on Till our rest is won; And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow, calm and fearless. Guide us by your hand To our fatherland.**

**If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us, For through many a woe To our home we go.**

**When we seek relief From a long-felt grief, When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring; Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.**

**Jesus, still lead on Till our rest is won. Heav'nly Leader, still direct us;
Still support, console, protect us Till we safely stand In our fatherland.**

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The Owosso Lutheran Hour is provided by Ken & Joni Lahmann in thankfulness to God for their many blessings as they celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

The Altar Flowers are placed in honor of our confirmands.

This week at Salem:

Monday	7pm	Elders' Meeting
Tuesday	10:30am	Bible Class IN church
	6:00pm	Board for Christian Education
	6:15pm	Church Properties
	7:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	6:00pm	Handbells
Thursday	7:00pm	Communion Service
Saturday	9am-noon	Salem Family Workshop AT church
Sunday	8 & 10:30am	Communion Service
	9:30am	Bible Class AT SCHOOL
Monday	6-9pm	Salem Family Workshop AT church

Adult Bible Class begins this week. The Tuesday class will meet IN THE CHURCH at 10:30am. The Sunday class will meet AT OUR SCHOOL in the gym at 9:30am.

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday School will not begin until more preparations can be made at school to have the rooms ready.

	August 30	To Date
Offerings received	\$ 7,752.22	\$378,435.39
FEF/Tuition/ Reg	\$ 2,725.00	\$ 21,806.46
Other/ Interest	\$ 0	\$ 952.90
Total:	\$10,477.22	\$401,194.75
Budgetary needs	\$12,588.37	\$440,504.05
Difference	-\$2,108.61	-\$39,309.30
Owed to internal line of credit:		\$0



Salem Lutheran Church & School Family Workshop

September 19 from 9am-noon

September 21 from 6-9pm

Session 1:

Family Altar Workshop

The home is primarily where a child learns his or her faith, even when they attend a Christian school, yet Christian parents still often struggle to maintain a healthy devotional life with their children. This practical workshop will equip parents with resources and strategies to “bring [their children] up in the discipline of the Lord.” (Eph. 6:4)

Session 2:

The Bible, The WELS, and Salem

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church and School belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. In this church body, all teachings and beliefs are derived from God’s Word. This workshop will help parents understand how Salem’s pastors and teachers are trained to interpret and teach scripture.

Session 3:

“Difficult” Doctrines and Differences

There are over 200 different Christian denominations in the United States! Each teaches God’s Word differently from the next. It is important for parents to be aware of these differences and prepared to discuss them if their child has questions. This workshop will *briefly* discuss some common differences between what your child will learn at Salem and what other church bodies teach.

Call the church or school office to register for the date that works for you.