

**Salem Ev Lutheran Church
Pentecost 16**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde
September 17 & 20, 2020**

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 398

**Lord, we confess our num'rous faults,
How great our guilt has been,
How vain and foolish all our thoughts,
How deeply stained with sin.**

**'Tis not by works of righteousness
Which our own hands have done,
But we are saved by God's free grace
Abounding through his Son.**

**'Tis through the purchase of his death
Who hung upon the tree
The Spirit is sent down to breathe
On such dry bones as we.**

**Raised from the dead, we live anew;
And, justified by grace,
We shall appear in glory, too,
And see our Father's face.**

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: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-11

But I have appointed you, son of man, to be a watchman for the house of Israel. So whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you are to warn them from me. When I say to a wicked man, "Wicked man, you shall surely die," if you do not speak to warn the wicked man against his way, that wicked man will die because of his guilt, but I will also hold you responsible for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he will die because of his guilt, but you will have saved your life. So you, son of man, say the following to the house of Israel. This is what you people are saying: "Certainly our rebellion and our sins weigh us down, and because of them we are rotting away. How then can we live?" Say to them, "As I live, declares the Lord God, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from their way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why should you die, O house of Israel?"

HYMN 493, vv 1 & 4

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love
Our lives will spread your peace.**

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 2:11-21

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly wrong. For before some people came from James, he ate with the Gentiles. But when those people came, he drew back and separated himself, because he feared those from the circumcision group. And the rest of the Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that they were not acting according to the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of all of them, "If you, a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, why do you compel the Gentiles to live like the Jews? We are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners. We know that a person is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. So we also believed in Christ Jesus that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were also found to be sinners, then is Christ a servant of sin? Certainly not! In fact, if I build up again those things that I destroyed, I bring on myself the judgment of being a lawbreaker. Indeed, through the law I died to the law that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I am now living in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I

do not regard the grace of God as nothing. As a matter of fact, if righteousness is through the law, then Christ died for nothing!”

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his sin just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And, if he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as an unbeliever or a tax collector. Amen I tell you: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Amen I tell you again: If two of you on earth agree to ask for anything, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. In fact where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am among them.”

HYMN OF THE DAY 521

**Lord of all nations, grant me grace
To love all people, ev'ry race,
And in each person help me view
My kindred, loved, redeemed by you.**

**Break down the wall that would divide
Your children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
My neighbors' good let me pursue;
Bind them to me and all to you.**

**Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred
By loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do
Will hurt my neighbor, Lord, and you.**

**Give me your courage, Lord, to speak
Whenever strong oppress the weak.
And should I be a victim, too,
Help me forgive, rememb'ring you.**

**With your own love may I be filled
And by your Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, whate'er I do,
May be divinely touched by you.**

SERMON

WHAT TO DO WHEN OTHERS SIN

Ezekiel 33:7-11

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 304

**Jesus sinners does receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live and from God and heaven wander.
Here is hope for all who grieve Jesus sinners does receive.**

**We deserve but grief and shame, yet his words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; here their ills have perfect healing
Who with humble hearts believe Jesus sinners does receive.**

**Come, O sinners, one and all, Come, accept his invitation.
Come, obey his gracious call; Come and take his free salvation!
Firmly in these words believe Jesus sinners does receive.**

**Oh, how blest is it to know, were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow by your blood and bitter passion,
For these words I do believe Jesus sinners does receive.**

**Jesus sinners does receive. Even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave Jesus sinners does receive.**

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

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 446

**I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, trusting only you,
Trusting you for full salvation, free and true.**

**I am trusting you for pardon; at your feet I bow,
For your grace and tender mercy trusting now.**

**I am trusting you for cleansing in the crimson flood,
Trusting you who made me holy by your blood.**

**I am trusting you to guide me; you alone shall lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying all my need.**

**I am trusting you for power; you can never fail.
Words which you yourself shall give me must prevail.**

**I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever And for all.**

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The Owosso Lutheran Hour is provided in loving memory of Don Wisecup by his widow, Joyce.

The Altar Flowers are placed in loving memory of Russ Steinke by Shelia, Heather Brooks & family and Hans Steinke & family.

This week at Salem

Sunday 8 & 10:30am Communion Services
9:30am Bible Class AT SCHOOL
1:30pm Public School Confirmation Class
Tuesday 10:30am Bible Class AT CHURCH
Wednesday 6:00pm Handbells
Thursday 7:00pm Worship Service

	September 6	To Date
Offerings received	\$ 9,439.00	\$ 387,874.39
FEF/Tuition/ Reg	\$ 0	\$ 21,886.46
Other/ Interest	\$ 0	\$ 961.50
Total:	\$ 9,439.00	\$ 410,722.35
Budgetary needs	\$12,588.37	\$453,089.88
Difference	-\$ 3,146.83	-\$42,367.53
Owed to internal line of credit:		\$0



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER GROWTH AT SALEM

IN PERSON BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays and Sundays, starting on September 22

With each election cycle, the rhetoric becomes more overpowering. It comes at us from many different directions. We hear it in the national news broadcasts. We read it on our social media feeds. Sometimes the discussions are balanced and informative. Sometimes they are mean-spirited and inaccurate. Sometimes they instill hope. Sometimes they incite fear or anger. Sometimes they promote an agenda that is very obviously contrary to God's Word and will.

What can a Christian do? How does a Christian view politics? How does a Christian respond to the present political climate? How can a Christian find hope even when he or she is overwhelmed with the thought, "Politics is driving me crazy!"?

This Bible study offers a note of calm as it reminds us that we are citizens of two kingdoms, each with a different role and a different agenda. It offers a note of hope as it reminds us that God has absolute rule over both kingdoms. It offers a note of encouragement as it leads us to consider how we serve in both kingdoms. Join us, as we consider what God teaches us about our citizenship in two kingdoms.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 6:30PM, starting October 5 (Register by September 28)

Dig in even deeper! Join your Salem family in reading and discussing the book Civil Government: God's Other Kingdom by Professor Daniel Deutschlander. The relationship between church and state in America can be contentious, often regarded by Christians as a confusing mess that is best ignored. Yet both earthly government and the heavenly church body are God's blessings to us—both were established to carry out his will here on earth. The book uses Scripture to guide and motivate our attitudes and actions as we wrestle with our roles as citizens of Christ's church and here on earth. First looking at government during biblical times and then tracing church-state relations since then, this book concludes by addressing the current state of affairs. You'll be left with a better understanding of citizenship in your community here and in God's family.