

**Salem Ev Lutheran Church  
Pentecost 17**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde  
September 24 & 27, 2020**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN 385**

**Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed his blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am his and he is mine!**

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity,  
Love that found me -- wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought him not.**

**Only Jesus can impart  
Comfort to a wounded heart:  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.**

**Chief of sinners though I be,  
Christ is all in all to me.  
All my wants to him are known;  
All my sorrows are his own.  
Safe with him in earthly strife,  
I await the heav'nly life.**

**Strengthen me, O gracious Lord,  
By your Spirit and your word.  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.**

**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** Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**C:** **Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON**

**Genesis 50:15-21**

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and will pay us back in full for all of the evil that we did to him." They sent the following message to Joseph: "Before he died your father commanded us, 'You are to tell Joseph, "Please forgive the offense of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" Now, please forgive the offense of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down in front of him, and they said, "See now, we are your servants." Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring this to pass and to keep many people alive, as it is this day. Now therefore, do not be afraid. I will nourish you and your little ones." He comforted them and spoke to them in a kind way.

## **HYMN 288:1,6**

**The gospel shows the Father's grace,  
Who sent his Son to save our race,  
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died  
That we might thus be justified.**

**May we in faith its message learn  
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;  
May we in faith its truth confess  
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

**Ephesians 4:29-5:2**

Do not let any unwholesome talk come from your mouths. Say only what is beneficial when there is a need to build up others, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of every kind of bitterness, rage, anger, quarreling, and slander, along with every kind of malice. Instead, be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ has forgiven us. Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

Then Peter came up and asked Jesus, "Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but I tell you as many as seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle them, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. Because the man was not able to pay the debt, his master ordered that he be sold, along with his wife, children, and all that he owned to repay the debt. Then the servant fell down on his knees in front of him, saying, 'Master, be patient with me, and I will pay you everything!' The master of that servant had pity on him, released him, and forgave him the debt. But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began choking him, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down and begged him, saying, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!' But he refused. Instead he went off and threw the man into prison until he could pay back what he owed. When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were very distressed. They went and reported to their master everything that had taken place. Then his master called him in and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt when you begged me to. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had mercy on you?' His master was angry and handed him over to the jailers until he could pay back everything he owed. This is what my heavenly Father will also do to you unless each one of you forgives his brother from his heart."

## **HYMN OF THE DAY 493**

**"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.**

**How can your pardon reach and bless  
The unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let  
Old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing light your cross reveals  
The truth we dimly knew:  
What trivial debts are owed to us;  
How great our debt to you!**

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.

**SERMON**

**LIVE LIKE YOU'VE BEEN FORGIVEN**

**Ephesians 4:29-5:2**

**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 109**

When o'er my sins I sorrow, Lord, I will look to you  
And hence my comfort borrow That you were slain for me.  
Your precious blood was offered For me, oh, most unworthy,  
To take away my guilt.

Oh, what a marv'lous off'ring! Behold, the Master spares  
His servants, and their suff'ring And grief for them he bears.  
Our God comes down from heaven; For me, his guilty creature,  
He deigns as man to die.

My manifold transgression Henceforth can harm me none  
Since Jesus' bloody passion For me God's grace has won.  
His blood my debt has canceled; Of hell and all its torments  
I am no more afraid.

Therefore I will forever Give thanks continually,  
O Jesus, loving Savior, For what you did for me.  
I'll spend my breath in praises For your sad cry, your suff'rings,  
Your wounds, your guiltless death.

**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 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.**

## **WELS CONNECTION**

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**The Owosso Lutheran Hour is provided** by Tom & Neva Maier in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**This week at Salem**

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

	<b>September 13</b>	<b>To Date</b>
Offerings received	\$ 9,412.69	\$397,287.08
FEF/Tuition/ Reg	\$ 1,859.63	\$ 23,746.09
Other/ Interest	\$ 0	\$ 961.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 11,272.32</b>	<b>\$421,994.67</b>
Budgetary needs	\$12,588.37	\$402,746.56
Difference	-\$1,313.51	-\$ 44,280.98
Owed to internal line of credit:	\$0	

