

**Salem Ev Lutheran Church  
Pentecost 14**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde  
September 3 & 6, 2020**

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN 239**

**Glory be to God the Father,  
Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit,  
Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to him who loved us,  
Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to him who bought us,  
Made us kings with him to reign!  
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!**

**Glory to the King of angels,  
Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations;  
Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!  
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!**

**Glory, blessing, praise eternal!  
Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!  
Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!**

**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 Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

**Joshua 4:1-9**

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord told Joshua, “Take twelve men from the people, one man from each tribe, and give them the following orders: ‘Pick up twelve stones from here in the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the feet of the priests are standing securely. Carry them over with you and put them at the place where you will stay tonight.’” So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had selected from the people of Israel—a man from each tribe. Joshua said to them, “Go to the middle of the Jordan in front of the Ark of the Lord your God. There each man is to lift up one stone on his shoulder. The number will correspond to the number of the tribes descended from the sons of Israel, so that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in the future, ‘What do these stones mean for you?’ Then you shall respond to them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord. When the ark passed through the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones will serve as a permanent memorial for the people of Israel.” So the people of Israel did just as Joshua had ordered. They picked up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, corresponding to the number of the tribes descended from the sons of Israel, as the Lord had instructed Joshua. They carried the stones over with them to their lodging place and deposited them there. Joshua also set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the feet of the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant had stood. They are there to this day.

### HYMN 538, v 1

**The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.**

### SECOND LESSON

**Revelation 7:1-8**

After this I saw four angels, who stood at the four corners of the earth. They were holding back the four winds of the earth so that the wind could not blow on the earth, the sea, or any tree. And I saw another angel coming up from the east, who had the seal of the living God. He called out with a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to harm the earth and the sea. He said, “Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees until we have placed a seal on the foreheads of God’s servants.” And I heard the number of those sealed: 144,000 sealed from all the tribes of the people of Israel: from the tribe of Judah, 12,000, who were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000, from the tribe of Gad, 12,000, from the tribe of Asher, 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000, from the tribe of

Manasseh, 12,000, from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000, from the tribe of Levi, 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar, 12,000, from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin, 12,000, who were sealed.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

### **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But you, who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

### **HYMN OF THE DAY 536**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head,  
You are her one foundation.  
In you she trusts, before you bows,  
And waits for your salvation.  
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure  
Though all the world decay And all things pass away.  
Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Jesus!**

**O Lord, let this your little flock,  
Your name alone confessing,  
Continue in your loving care,  
True unity possessing.  
Your sacraments, O Lord, And your saving Word  
To us e'er pure retain. Grant that they may remain  
Our only strength and comfort.**

**Help us to serve you evermore  
With hearts both pure and lowly.  
And may your Word, that light divine,  
Shine on in splendor holy  
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow.  
The pow'r of sin destroy And evils that annoy.  
Oh, make us faithful Christians.**

**And for your gospel let us dare  
To sacrifice all treasure;  
Teach us to bear your blessed cross,  
To find in you all pleasure.**

Oh, grant us steadfastness In joy and distress.  
Lord, for your mercy's sake, Let us by grace partake  
Of endless joy and glory.

**SERMON**

**STAND ON THE ROCK!**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

**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 403**

I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
And this my faith confessing, Unmoved I stand upon his Word.  
Man's reason cannot fathom The truth of God profound;  
Who trusts in worldly wisdom Relies on shifting ground.  
God's Word is all-sufficient, It makes divinely sure,  
And, trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.

Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day  
To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with you beside me I shall be undismayed;  
And led by your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior, A firmer faith bestow.  
Then I shall bid defiance To ev'ry evil foe.

In faith, Lord, let me serve you; Though persecution, grief, and pain  
Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain.  
And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to you,  
And let me there inherit All you have promised me.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me Until your heav'n I gain,  
Where I by your great mercy The end of faith attain.

**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 529**

**Built on the Rock the Church shall stand  
Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the soul distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.**

**Surely in temples made with hands  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth his temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above  
Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies his temple.**

**We are God's house of living stones,  
Built for his own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns  
Heirs of his wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two his name to tell,  
Yet he would deign with us to dwell  
With all his grace and his favor.**

**Here stands the font before our eyes,  
Telling how God did receive us.  
Th' altar recalls Christ's sacrifice  
And what the sacrament gives us.  
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim  
Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And evermore, our Redeemer.**

**Grant then, O God, your will be done,  
That, when the church bells are ringing,**

**Many in saving faith may come  
 Where Christ his message is bringing:  
 "I know my own; my own know me.  
 You, not the world, my face shall see.  
 My peace I leave with you always."**

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**The Owosso Lutheran Hour is provided** in loving memory of Roland & Ann Bernson with donations given at the time of his passing.

**The Sunday Altar flowers are placed** by Wilhelm Guth in remembrance of Eleanor for her birthday and for his many blessings.

**This week at Salem:**

|           |         |                                             |
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| Monday:   |         | Church office closed                        |
| Tuesday   | 7:00pm  | Sisters Serving Christ Meeting (NO Potluck) |
| Wednesday | 6:00pm  | Handbells practice                          |
| Thursday  | 7:00pm  | Communion Service                           |
| Sunday    | 8:00am  | Communion Service                           |
|           | 10:30am | Youth Confirmation Communion Service        |

**Sisters Serving Christ** will have their opening meeting on Tuesday night at the church. This will not be a potluck meeting, no food or drinks will be served. Chairs will be socially distanced. There are a few items that need to be discussed and voted on for the upcoming year.

**Handbells** will begin practices on Wednesday at 6pm. Everyone who would like to join is invited to come.

**Youth Confirmation** will take place during the 10:30am service next week.

|                                  | <b>August 23</b> | <b>To Date</b>   |
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| Offerings received               | \$7,427.32       | \$370,683.17     |
| FEF/Tuition/ Reg                 | \$ 600.00        | \$ 19,161.46     |
| Other/ Interest                  | <u>\$ 0</u>      | <u>\$ 952.90</u> |
| Total:                           | \$ 8,027.32      | \$390,797.53     |
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| Budgetary needs                  | \$12,588.37      | \$427,918.22     |
| Difference                       | -\$4,558.51      | -\$ 37,120.64    |
| Owed to internal line of credit: |                  | \$0              |

