# SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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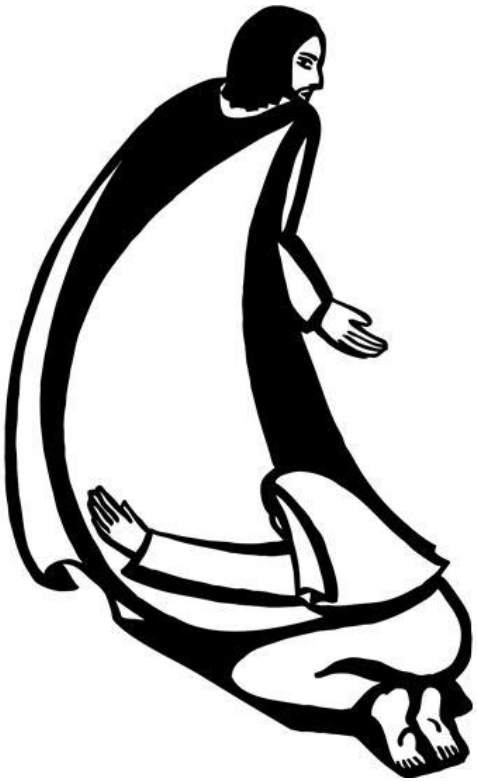

*Building Faith by Praying for God's Guidance, Hearing God's Word, Sharing God's Grace, Serving God's Children*

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***In Our Prayers***: Margarite Wise, Nancy Wise, Catrina Dotson, Sue & Tom Kenney, Mark Ewing, Lea Ewing, Diane Cook, Kyle Richards, Benjamin Richards, Betty Snyder, Grady Cronick, Lois Phillips, Debra Sears, Alyssa Parish, Willy Zamora, Kathy Bond, Barbara Fedor, Mike Fiser Jr., Regina Carson, Sheril Buchwalter, Chet Molzen, Tari Lowe, Patty Stuart, Bill Buchwalter, Mike Ringgenberg, Amanda Herbert, Monica Crawford, Sue Haumesser Miller, Family of Marvin Hartman, Family of Jean Shoup, Family of Jeanne Lifer, family of Sue Cook.

***Altar Flowers*** are provided by members of the congregation. See the last page of this bulletin for the full listing. Many thanks to all who have donated.

***Welcome Visitors!*** Your presence is a blessing to us. Please pick up an information brochure, complete the visitor card and place it in the offering plate.

***Parents with small children:*** We welcome you and your children to worship this morning. There are activity bags in the Narthex. The nursery is available (with speaker system) should you have need of it.

***Holy Communion*** is offered the first Sunday of each month; we practice open table fellowship: All baptized Christians who share our belief that Jesus Christ is truly present with his body and blood along with the bread and wine, are invited to participate. Register using the card in the back of the pews.

**P** Pastor A Assisting minister **C** Congregation **L** Lector

*Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.*

**Prelude**
**Bell**
**Call to Worship**
**Pastoral Greeting & Parish Time**

# GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER
## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity,✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever.
C: **Amen**

A: Let us confess our sin to God.

A: Compassionate God,
**C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

A: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.
C: **Amen.**

### We Praise God

**Gathering Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, we Adore Thee* **Red Hymnal #836**

**Greeting**

A: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
**C: And also with you.**

**Kyrie** **Page 98**

**Hymn of Praise** **This is the Feast** **Page 101**

**Prayer of the Day**

A: O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**First Reading** **Hosea 5:15—6:6**

15 I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt
and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 6:1 "Come,
let us return to the LORD, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up. 2 After two days he will
revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before
him. 3 Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is
as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the
spring rains that water the earth." 4 What shall I do with you,
O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a
morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. 5 Therefore I have
hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my
mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. 6 For I desire
steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than
burnt offerings.

L The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading** **Romans 4:13-25**

13 The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to
Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the
righteousness of faith. 14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are
to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law
brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there
transgression.

16 For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it
may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his
descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those
who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, 17 as it
is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the
presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead
and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18 Hoping against
hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many
nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants
be." 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body,
which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years
old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20 No distrust made him
waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith
as he gave glory to God, 21 being fully convinced that God was able to
do what he had promised. 22 Therefore "it was reckoned to him as
righteousness." 23 Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were
written not for his sake alone 24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned
to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the
dead, 25 who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for
our justification.

L The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia* Red Hymnal Page 102

*Please stand.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the ninth chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel** **Matthew 9:9-13,18-26**

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew
sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me."
And he got up and followed him. 10 And as he sat at dinner in the
house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with
Jesus and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to
his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and
sinners?" 12 But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well
have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn
what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to
call the righteous but sinners."
18 While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader
came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but
come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." 19 And Jesus got up
and followed him, with his disciples. 20 Then suddenly a woman who
had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up
behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, 21 for she was saying
to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." 22 Jesus
turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has
made you well." And the woman was made well from that
moment. 23 When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute
players and the crowd making a commotion, 24 he said, "Go away, for
the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. 25 But
when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by
the hand, and the girl got up. 26 And the report of this spread through
all of that district.

P The Gospel of the Lord **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** **Tim Barrage**

*Please stand.*

**Hymn of the Day** *Have no Fear Little Flock* **Red Hymnal #764**

## Nicene Creed

A: Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C**: **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;**
**by the power of the Holy Spirit**
**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,**
**and was made man.**
**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**
**He has spoken through the prophets.**
**We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

**Prayers of the Church**

A Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

**C #744 Be Glorified**
**(Red Hymnal. Response is sung, led by organ)**

A Prayers continue… As we lift up our prayers,

**C #744 Be Glorified**
**(Red Hymnal. Response is sung, led by organ)**

A Prayers continue… As we lift up our prayers,

**C #744 Be Glorified**
**(Red Hymnal. Response is sung, led by organ)**

A Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**C Amen.**

**Peace**

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## WE OFFER GOD OUR GIFTS

**Offering of Gifts**

**Offertory** **Amanda Herbert & Karolyn Rice**

*Please stand.*

**Offertory Response** *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful* **Red Hymnal #184**

**Offertory Prayer**

P Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving** Red Hymnal Page107

**P:** It is indeed right…
…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy** Red Hymnal Page 108

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**C: Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

A Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,**
**hallowed be thy name,**
**thy kingdom come**
**they 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,**
**forever and ever. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**Invitation to Communion**

**A** Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

*Please be seated.*

**Distribution** *Lamb of God* Red Hymnal Page 112
*Musical Selection*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

A Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## WE ARE BLESSED AND SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

*Please stand.*

**Blessing**

A: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** *Will you Come and Follow Me* **Red Hymnal #798**

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude** **Karolyn Rice**

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## *THIS WEEK AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH*

**Sunday, June 07**
**2nd Sunday of Pentecost**
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Zoom/Livestream)
10:00 a.m. Worship (Facebook Live Stream)
11:00 a.m. Fellowship
5:00 p.m. YouTube replay of livestream worship

**Monday, June 08**
6:00 p.m. NFL Monday Night! Community Meal
7:00 p.m. and Chosen Bible Study

**Friday, June 12**
7:00 p.m. Cover to Cover Bible Study (via ZOOM)

## *NEXT WEEK AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH*

**Sunday, June 14**
**3rd Sunday of Pentecost**
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Facebook Live Stream)
10:00 a.m. Worship (Facebook Live Stream)
11:00 a.m. Fellowship
2:30 p.m. Brookdale Worship
5:00 p.m. YouTube replay of livestream worship

**Monday, June 15**
6:00 p.m. NFL Monday Night! Community Meal
7:00 p.m. and Chosen Bible Study

**Friday, June 19**
7:00 p.m. Cover to Cover Bible Study (via ZOOM)

**Pastoral Concerns** – Tim Barrage is available to the members of Salem in times of Pastoral concerns or emergencies. He can be reached at 330-465-5763.

**Nursing Home Worship:**
**June 14th 2:30 p.m.** Brookdale Senior Living, Wooster. Services are held on the second Sunday of the month.

**June 28th, 2:00 p.m.** Avenue at Wooster Care and Rehabilitation Center. Services are held on the fourth Sunday of the month.
If you would be willing to help with these services, please contact Barbara Buchwalter @ 330-317-7906.

**Women of Faith** has a Facebook group called "Women of Salem." If anyone is interested in meeting for brunch at Buehler's Towne Market at 10:00 am on the first Wednesday of the month, please let us know. http://www.facebook.com/WomenOfSalem

**ELCA World Hunger -** All loose change in the offering plate will go toward this special social ministry project.

**Worship Lay Assistants Needed:** As we return to services in the sanctuary, we will need help in continuing our online as well as our in-house service. Consider being a part of this ministry. If you have never performed any of these duties before, we will be happy to show you the ropes. If you have a beautiful voice or are musically inclined, please let us know.

**NFL Monday Night Free Community Meal**: 6:00 p.m. Come for a hot meal, stay for a bible study. This meal is open to any all who hunger.

**200th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee Formed:** Planning has begun, history being reviewed, invite lists being put together, activities being planned, dignitaries being contacted, programming and activities being created. We need your involvement and participation in this massive endeavor. Your ideas, your expertise, your funding, your presence. 2027 will be here before we realize and this is the year, 200 years ago that Salem Lutheran Church first held services as a congregation. Join us as we celebrate this amazing accomplishment! Meeting today following fellowship.

**The Chosen – Monday nights***: Monday evenings 7:00 p.m.. We continue to show a new episode of "The Chosen" series. Join us as we watch the series together and discuss the episodes in detail.
*Invite friends or neighbors to one of our special events with the provided post card invites. Fill out their name, add a personal note, and drop in the mail. We can mail it if you drop them in the offering plate.