

*Welcome to Worship at*

# Salem Lutheran Church

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# Gathering

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GREETING

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

You are the treasured people of the LORD,  
**a people holy to the LORD our God.**

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.  
**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,  
when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone,  
**but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# The Word

## FIRST LESSON:

**Jonah 3:10 thru 4:11**

When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better

for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:**

**Psalms 145:1-8**

I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.  
**Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**

**REFRAIN: The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.R**

**REFRAIN: The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## SECOND LESSON:

**Philippians 1:21-30**

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SPOTLIGHT ON SCRIPTURE

### GOSPEL:

**Matthew 20:1-16**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they

received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

**SERMON:** "Repurposing our Mission" Rev. Susan Odegard

**HYMN OF THE DAY** **HYMN #576**  
"We All Are One in Mission"

**CREED AND CONFESSION** WOV pg. 49  
In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.  
**We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayer

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Generous God, you make the last first, and the first last. Where this gospel challenges the church, equip it for its works of service. Strengthen those who suffer for Christ.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sun and wind, bushes and worms, cattle and great cities—nothing in creation is outside your concern, mighty God. In your mercy, tend to it all. Give us a spirit of generosity toward all you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Where we find envy and create enemies, you provide enough for all. Bring peace to places of conflict and violence. Inspire leaders with creativity and wisdom. Bless the work of negotiators, peacekeepers, and development workers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Reveal yourself to all in need as you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, ready to relent from punishing. Accompany judges and lawyers, victims of crime and those serving sentences. Give fruitful labor and a livelihood to those seeking work. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Even beyond our expectations, you choose to give generously. Grant life, health, and courage to all who are in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise you for the generations that have declared your power to us. Give us faithfulness to follow them, living for Christ, until you call us to join them in the joyful song around his throne. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Meal

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me." Again, after the supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION



### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## Sending

### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### This Week at Salem

Today: In-Church Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.

Monday, September 21th: Bible Study – 3:30 p.m.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Billie Aderman  
Gail Auerbach (*sister-in-law of Diane Brandt*)  
Curt Atkinson (*friend of Alison Ricci*)  
Jerry Best  
Judy Bever (*niece of Joan Foley*)  
Rhiannon Bauer (*friend of Pastor Sue & Larry Odegard*)  
Delores Brandt (*mother of Dan Brandt*)  
Levi Cooper  
Jerry Curtis  
Mike Flach (*nephew of Mavis Flach*)  
Sherry Friel  
Doug & Shirley Gallop  
Jerry Goveronski (*son-in-law of Margaret Jones*)  
Stacey Hanson (*daughter-in-law of Craig & Brigitte Hanson*)  
Roger Harrison  
Jennifer Hinker (*daughter of Ralph & Carol Thompson*)  
Addy Holmes (*friend of Alison Ricci*)  
Jeff Jara (*son-in-law of Sharon Norstog*)  
Tim Kennedy (*friend of Margaret Jones*)  
Juany Kielley-Dahlen  
Mark Krueger  
Janie LaFave (*friend of Sandy Cardwell*)  
Dave Lynch (*relative of Judy & Alison Ricci*)  
Ashley Muench  
Kak Reinhart (*mother of Mary Butler*)  
Erin Schiesl (*daughter of Juany Kielley-Dahlen*)  
Nadia & Kyla Schiesl (*granddaughters of Juany Kielley-Dahlen*)  
Ann Stellrecht (*friend of Alison Ricci*)  
Julyie Stephens & Family (*friends of Jerry & Juany Dahlen*)  
Dawn Swan  
Lee & Dotty Swan  
Bobbie Tackett (*daughter of Craig & Brigitte Hanson*)  
Connie Thate (*sister of Sandy Cardwell*)

### **For Our Servicemen and Women in the Military**

**Those Homebound and in Nursing Homes:** Marilyn Boles,  
Larry Fletcher, Anna Johnson, Donna Parker, Connie Richter,  
Judee Rydberg