

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.

**O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering
for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to
the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your
commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

The Word

FIRST LESSON:

Ezekiel 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

REFRAIN: I desire the path of your commandments.

Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.

REFRAIN: I desire the path of your commandments.

SECOND LESSON:

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 18:15-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: “The Blessing of Second Chances” Rev. Susan Odegard

HYMN OF THE DAY

HYMN #748

“Bind Us Together”

CREED AND CONFESSION

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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.

Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches in this community. Strengthen ecumenical partnerships; guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Renew and enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or pollution (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace and cooperation, teaching us to recognize one another as neighbors. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward laws that protect the well-being of all.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness. Give community to the lonely and neighbors to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*).
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation.
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.

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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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Billie Aderman
Gail Auerbach (*sister-in-law of Diane Brandt*)
Curt Atkinson (*friend of Alison Ricci*)
Judy Bever (*niece of Joan Foley*)
Rhiannon Bauer (*friend of Pastor Sue & Larry Odegard*)
Delores Brandt (*mother of Dan Brandt*)
Ellenore Crimmins (*great-granddaughter of Margaret Jones*)
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*)
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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*)

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

For Our Servicemen and Women in the Military