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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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

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Prelude
Bell
Call to Worship
Pastoral Greeting & Parish Time

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity,☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
C: **Amen**
A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A: Holy God,
C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.
A: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
C: **Amen.**

We Praise God

Gathering Hymn *Come, We that Love the Lord* **Red Hymnal #625**

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 *Glory to God* **Page 99**

Prayer of the Day

A: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading **Amos 5:18-24**

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want
the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled
from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and
rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. 20 Is not
the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no
brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your
solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt
offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the
offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to
the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

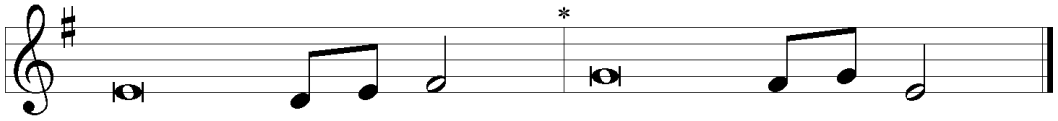
L The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Refrain



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Psalm tone



Psalm 70

A: 1 Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.

C: 2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced. R

A: 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.

C: 4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"

A: 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry. **R**

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,
about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others
do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and
rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those
who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the
Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the
Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the
Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and
with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and
the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are
left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the
Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 twenty-fifth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be
like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the
bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.
3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,
4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the
bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.
6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and
trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some
of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No!

there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Sermon **Tim Barrage**

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* **Red Hymnal #436**

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

A United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

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
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A Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

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 & Sandy Smith**

Please stand.

Offertory Response *Create in Me a Clean Heart* **Red Hymnal #185**

Offertory Prayer

P: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Word

Canticle of Thanksgiving Red Hymnal page 219

A: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. 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.

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

Please stand.

Blessing

A: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *Blessed Assurance* **Red Hymnal #638**

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude **Sandy Smith**

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 08

24th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Zoom/Livestream)

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, November 09

6:00 p.m. NFL Monday Night! Community Meal

7:00 p.m. and Chosen Bible Study

Friday, November 13

7:00 p.m. Cover to Cover Bible Study (via ZOOM)

NEXT WEEK AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 15

25st Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Facebook Live Stream)

10:00 a.m. Worship (Facebook Live Stream)

11:00 a.m. Fellowship

5:00 p.m. YouTube replay of livestream worship

Monday, November 16

6:00 p.m. NFL Monday Night! Community Meal

7:00 p.m. and Chosen Bible Study

Friday, November 20

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:
TODAY 2:30 p.m. Brookdale Senior Living, Wooster. Services are held on the second Sunday of the month.

November 22nd, 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 Saturday 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! Next meeting December 6.

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.

