

SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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No Sunday School & Bible Classes until September 6

Worship 9:15 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS to greet those around us

PRAYER - “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” (James 5:16)

Let us pray: **Dear Lord, we thank You for all the blessings You have given to Salem Congregation these many years. We ask now with humble hearts for Your direction in the selection of a pastor for Salem. Help us to be patient, with hope in our hearts, trusting totally in You, because You have promised to hear us. We ask this in faith that You have already chosen a new Shepherd. We thank You, and trust in Your will. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN:

“I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY”

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know ‘tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

REFRAIN: *I love to tell the story, ‘twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

2. I love to tell the story; ‘tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God’s own holy Word.

REFRAIN.

INVOCATION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, almighty God has given us life and health, grace and forgiveness, and yet we have forgotten Him in prosperity and complained in adversity. But “the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end.”(Lam. 3:22)

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination)

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have also expected blessings that we do not deserve and have failed to use those You have bestowed on us. Often we have complained in illness and neglected to help others when You have provided us health. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Grant us forgiveness and renewal of life so that we may seek opportunities to praise You each day of our lives.

Pastor: Our Savior gave His life so that we may have eternal life. The Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts so that we might trust in God’s mercy and grace. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

INTROIT: “Yet, O, Lord, You are our Father. We are the clay, You are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand.” Isaiah 64:8

“HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD”

**Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY – read by all (insert)

T H E W O R D

OLD TESTAMENT – (insert) - Lamentations 3:22-33

GRADUAL: “Take My Life, O Lord, Renew”

Take my life, O Lord, renew,
Consecrate my heart to you;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them sing your ceaseless praise.

EPISTLE – (insert) – 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-14

GOSPEL – (insert) – Mark 5:21 – 24 a, 35 - 43

HYMN: “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

REFRAIN: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. His oath, his covenant, his blood
Sustain me in the raging flood;
When all supports are washed away,
He then is all my hope and stay.

REFRAIN.

SERMON – “Jesus As Lord” – Mark 5:40 & 41

CREED – Apostle’s Creed

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

OFFERING –

OFFERTORY - “WE GIVE YOU BUT YOUR OWN”

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

S E N D I N G

PRAYERS FOR TODAY’S NEEDS

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

HYMN: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow
of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou has been thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and
stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness,
mercy and love. **REFRAIN.**

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside! **REFRAIN.**

+ + + **Mission: SALEM/Peace – As the Father sent Me I send you. + + +**
Vision: Preach – Teach – Heal – doing what Jesus does.

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