

# SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Sunday Services:**  
9:30a.m.  
**Sunday School:**  
10:45am for children  
and adults

Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod  
*“A Stephen Ministry Congregation”*

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M-Wed. 9:00 a.m. – 1:30  
Thursday & Friday -  
CLOSED

## REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 31, 2010

**PRELUDE** – “Aria” – Flor Peeters

### AS WE GATHER

The Lutheran Reformation recaptured the truth that any righteousness we might claim is a gift of God through faith in Jesus Christ. We come confessing our sins and are declared righteous only by the grace of God. In the Lord's Supper, God strengthens our faith to trust only in Christ's righteous sacrifice on our behalf. Scripture, not human tradition or other writings, is our only source for understanding how we stand righteous before God. God has not offered campaign slogans, promising to save us; in Christ all His promises have been kept.

### 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, we have come together to affirm again the truths that the Reformation restored to the one holy apostolic Church. We are here to worship God because of His infinite grace in creating us, in saving us through the sacrifice of our Lord, and in working faith in our hearts so that we might receive His own righteousness. Indeed, without the promise of forgiveness, we would never admit to our failings but would, in our fallen nature, constantly flee from God. But with the gracious promise of full and free forgiveness, let us consider our sins and call on God for mercy.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

Pastor: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*Psalm 103:8*

**People: He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities. *Psalm 103:10***

Pastor: Gracious God,

**People: we confess that we have failed to rely completely on Your grace for Jesus' sake. We have presented ourselves as deserving of Your love; we have expected Your blessings. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds which we consider worthy. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." *Romans 3:23***

**Forgive us, reform us to trust only in Your grace and mercy, and move us again to seek Your will, letting our "light shine before others, so that they may see [our] good works and give glory to [our] Father who is in heaven." *Matthew 5:16***

Pastor: "God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ---by grace you have been saved." *Ephesians 2:4-5*

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." *Ephesians 1:7*

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.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD" #297**

**PSALM - Psalm 46**

Pastor: The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

*Pastor: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,*

**People: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

**All: The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.*

**People: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her  
when morning dawns.**

*Pastor: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.*

**All: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*Pastor: Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has brought desolations on the earth.*

**People:** *He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.*

*Pastor: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"*

**All:** **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**All:** **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE**    *"This Is The Feast"*

**REFRAIN:** **This is the Feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood sets us free to be people of God.**

**(Refrain)**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**(Refrain)**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen.**

**(Refrain)**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**(Refrain)**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. ...Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people,

**People: keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth,**

Pastor: protect and deliver us in times of temptation,

**People: defend us against all enemies,**

Pastor: and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**People: Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**FIRST READING** Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **THE ALLELUIA VERSE**

**People:** Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

**EPISTLE** Romans 3:19-28 (*God's Righteousness*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 8:31-36 (*Abide in My Word.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 8th chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE –**

“Onward, Christian Soldiers” – Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus going on before. Christ the royal master, leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle see his banners go! Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

**THE HYMN** "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness" #362 Stz. 1,2,3,4

## **THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church around the world.

*Vicar:: Protect and defend Your Church, Lord Jesus, wherever it proclaims the Gospel. Guide clergy and laity, missionaries and teachers to seek every opportunity to announce Your grace and mercy. Where the Church is in error, reform it; where it conforms to Your will, increase and strengthen it. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Let us pray for the nations.

Vicar: *Heavenly Father, continue to raise up men and women who will order society according to Your will, enabling the Church to grow and providing for the common good. May they protect the poor and oppressed, and work for peace with their neighbors. Use our abilities to work for the betterment of our communities, state, and nation. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Let us pray for those who defend our country and protect us at home.

Vicar: *Almighty God, we give thanks for each person in whom You have placed a sense of duty that moves him or her to go in harm's way. Protect them, give them wise judgment in unexpected crises, and enable us all to support their efforts at home and abroad. Be with their families as they deal with times of separation and thoughts of unknown dangers. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Let us pray for our families.

Vicar: *Guide us, O Holy Spirit, to make thoughtful decisions as we seek the best for our children. Give us understanding as we deal with miscommunications and hurt feelings between spouses, and children and parents. Remind us of Your presence in our homes so that they will be temples in which we reflect Your forgiveness and love. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Let us pray for our youth.

Vicar: *Lord Jesus, open our hearts and minds to the news of Your great love for us. Help us to grow in our trust for You and in knowing how much You have done for us. Then open our mouths to tell our families and friends about the joyful Good News of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Let us pray for the sick and those who care for them.

Vicar: *Gracious Lord, instill in each of us thankfulness for every day of health. Help us to care for the bodies You have given us. When illness or injury strikes, bring healing according to Your will for us. Strengthen and guide all who care for us in times of crisis or through years of chronic conditions. Give them compassion to use their skills according to Your merciful will. We remember those, known to us, that are in need of Your healing hand. [Their names may be spoken here by the worker or Pastor.] Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY MUSIC – “Amazing Grace” – (see page 10)**

+ SACRAMENT +

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

**SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION (sung by Pastor)**

**THE AGNUS DEI**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.**

*(Communion Prayers – page 128)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** – “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord” – LW 296

“Shine, Jesus, Shine” – SH 113

“As the Deer” – SH 41

**THE BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" #289 Stz. 1,2,3**

**THE POSTLUDE** - “Recessional in G” - Handel

## WELCOME

All who enter here are welcome! It is the house of the Lord; come with a spirit of reverence; worship with a spirit of humility; and do not leave without a prayer to the Lord Jesus Christ for yourself, for those who worship here, and for him who ministers.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN GIVEN** TO THE GLORY OF GOD by Pastor and Diane in celebration of their anniversary and Bryan's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday and Diane's birthday today.

Altar flowers are needed for the month of December. Please call Gloria Pfohl – 667-7396.

## SALEM NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

=== *Mission: SALEM/Peace - As the Father sent me I send you.* ===

*Vision: Preach – Teach – Heal – doing what Jesus does.*

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We continue to pray for Pastor Sprehe for God's presence and healing from his recent heart transplant. He now is back at home! Then he'll only need to go back to Cleveland Clinic for follow-up testing every few weeks." Send cards to: Rev. & Mrs. Ronald R. Sprehe, 123 Dalewood Dr., Amherst, NY 14228

**BIRTHDAYS** - Gerald Monk's 87<sup>th</sup> on Friday.

**ANNIVERSARY** - Robert Sr. and Lori Kingsland's 15<sup>th</sup> on Friday.

**DEATHS** - Valerie Fullone (wife of Anthony) died October 25, 2010. And also Paul Fromm (husband of Clara Lou) died October 23, 2010. Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Valerie Fullone and Paul Fromm.

**SICK** - Sharon Miller; Leola Colvin; Allen Feltz; Carolyn Callea; Fran Wiedemann; all shut-ins; Lynda Yung; Mark Beyers; Delores Landwehr; Jean Poniwas; Hazel Murphy; Lynn Leahy; Eleanor Senchoway; Betty Radke; Pastor Sprehe; Christine Johnson; Carl R. Radtke; Russ Alessi Jr.; Shirley Wilke; Cheryl Bak; Carol Engelbert; Mary Jordan; Eunice Foote; Grace Belter (Mercy Rehab – Room 671); all shut-ins.

*When a member of the family is in the hospital, or in need of pastoral counsel or care, PLEASE phone Ernelle at the Salem church office, 824-2787, or contact Pastor Pingel at 825-3253 (parsonage) or 1-724-494-9492 (cell), or Vicar Domenick Lettieri at 525-1044 (home) or 392-1148 (cell). Thank you! Family members are asked to please inform the church office and/or pastor when a member of Salem is released from the hospital and goes to a rehab center. Thank you!*

**"GIVING THANKS DINNER"** – Sunday, November 21, 2010 – 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – RSVP and sign up for contributions if you are able. (sheets on Krueger room wall).

**TIME RUNNING OUT** - last chance for Entertainment Books – see Elinor Jentsch if interested.

**BAKE SALE** – Calling all men and women are good at baking to bake for the election Day Bake Sale at Salem Lutheran Church on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> put on by the Women's Guild to raise money for our charities that we send to at Christmas. We need pies, breads, coffee cake, cookies, and fudge, but NO

brownies and cupcakes. You may bring your baked goods Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> morning from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or Tuesday at 8 a.m. and place in the kitchen marked “for bake sale.”

UPDATED ADDRESSES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS NEEDED – call church office office - 824-2787.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK –

BIRTHDAYS - Today – Brandon Becker, Tracy Skuse, Molly Webster, Diane Pingel; Tuesday – Melissa Miller, Frances Wiedemann; Wednesday – Mark Thomas; Thursday – David Whipple; Friday – Gerald Monk; Saturday – Mark W. Miller.

ANNIVERSARY - Robert Sr. & Lori Kingsland

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Activity of the CHRISTCARE SMALL GROUP MINISTRY PRAY AND WORSHIP --- After the worship service today, the ChristCare Small Group Ministry Leaders will remain forward in the Chancel area for anyone desiring individual prayers at the altar.

-- We are in the process of forming a Publicity Committee and an Outreach Committee. Pastor will be making some phone calls. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor.

-- PASTOR'S CLASS - Is underway on Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. If you are interested, you are still welcome to come on board!

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COMMUNION STATEMENT - The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper he took the cup saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. I Corinthians 11:23-26. “One is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words, “Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.” But the one that does not believe these words, or doubts, is unworthy and unprepared; for the words ‘for you’ require all hearts to believe” – Luther’s Small Catechism *Communion cards – Please put communion cards in offering plate or give to an usher.*

**QUOTE OF THE DAY: “God does not give grace freely in the sense that He will demand no satisfaction, but He gave Christ to be the satisfaction for us.” – Martin Luther**

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THANKSGIVING EVE FESTIVAL SERVICE

Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.

Bring a friend!

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STEPHEHN MINISTERS – *Lonely? Experiencing a Difficult Time? Don't suffer alone! Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and help you through a crisis or difficult time. To find out more, talk with Rich Landseadel – 822-9695 or Dayle Austin – 822-5565.*

**SERVING THE LORD**

Celebrant: The Rev. John L. Pingel  
Assisting Minister: Vicar Dominick Lettieri

Organist/Pianist: Lois L. Jones

Acolytes: Anthony Kowalski and Kyle LaPenna

**WEEK AT A GLANCE:**

**Today: Reformation Sunday**  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class  
“Trunk and Treat” after worship in parking lot  
(weather permitting)

**Monday - 6:30 – ChristCare Book Club at**

