

SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday School resumes September 12

Worship time in July and August – 10:00 a.m.

Bible Class 11:00 – 12 with Pastor or Vicar

ORDER OF WORSHIP
GATHERING

PRELUDE -

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS to greet those around us

INVOCATION

P: Let us begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

HYMN – “Be Still, My Soul”

1. **Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev’ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav’nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**
2. **Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.**

DIALOGUE: - Psalm 145: 15-19 (read responsively)

P: The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food at the proper time.

C: **You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**

P: The Lord is righteous in all His ways and loving toward all He has made.

C: **The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.**

P: He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him;

C: **He hears their cry and saves them.**

CREED:

P: God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **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.**

INTROIT - (insert - spoken by all)

COLLECT OF THE DAY - (insert – prayed by all)

PRAISE SONGS: “My Faith Looks Trustingly”

1. **My faith looks trustingly to Christ of Calvary,
My Savior true! Lord, hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
Strengthen in ev’ry way my love for you!**
2. **May your rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire; As you have died for me, my love, adoringly,
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**
3. **While life’s dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
Oh, be my guide; Make darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow’s tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from you aside.**
4. **When ends life’s transient dream, when death’s cold, sullen stream
Rolls over me, blest Savior, then in love fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above, Redeemed and free!**

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT (insert) - Ecclesiastes 1:2 & 2:18-26

EPISTLE (insert) - Colossians 3:1-11

VERSE TO INTRODUCE THE GOSPEL: "Open Our Eyes Lord"

Open our eyes, Lord we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

GOSPEL (insert) – Luke 12:13-21

SERMON: Vicar Dom – "Give Me More!"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: (please rise) "We Give You But Your Own"

1. We give You but Your own in any gifts we bring;
All that we have is Yours alone, a trust from You, our King.
2. May we Your bounties thus as stewards true receive
And gladly, Lord, as You bless us, to You our firstfruits give.

PRAYER – "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. (Psalm 34:3)

Let us pray: **Heavenly Father, we thank You for all the blessings You have given to each of us and to Salem Congregation over the years. We ask for Your direction in our lives and in the selection of a new pastor for Salem. Help us all to be patient, hopeful, and persevering, trusting totally in You, because You have promised to hear us. We ask this in faith, thanking You, and trusting in Your holy will. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR TODAY'S NEED AND MISSIONS

At words of "Lord in Your mercy"

Response of Congregation: "Hear our prayer"

SENDING

LORD'S PRAYER & BENEDICTION Response: AMEN!

HYMN - "Amazing Grace"

1. **Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!**

2. **The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**
3. **Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe so far,
His grace will see me home.**
4. **Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.**

POSTLUDE

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ASSISTANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Officiant . . . Rev. David S. Belasic

Preacher . . . Vicar Domenick Lettieri

Guest Organist . . . Dennis Smith

Welcomers Rich Landseadel

Prayer Leader Paul Thomas Jr.

Lector Sheree Krol

Ushers Mel Beyers, Renee Richards, Dennis Croston, Jim Carr,
Mark Johnson

Altar Sallie Langner and Sally McAlpine

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

With some financial success comes the question of how to invest the money. Should we put it in mutual funds, stocks, certificates of deposit, or real estate? As God's people, bought "with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:19), we understand that the greatest investment we can make is the gifts we offer to the Lord.. Jesus said, "Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven." That is an investment that never depreciates and cannot be destroyed by moths or rust nor stolen by thieves (Matthew 6:20).