

# SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 30, 2022

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*+ Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**  
Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God; your sins are forgiven and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GREETING

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ *Please be seated.*

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

The First Reading is from the 31<sup>st</sup> chapter of Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says

the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 46** (Please read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**SECOND READING: Romans 3: 19-28**

The Second Reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Romans.

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

+ *Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: John 8: 31-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

+ *Please be seated. Children are invited to come forward for time with the Pastor.*

## CHILDRENS' SERMON

### THE SERMON

+ *Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Abide With Me*** (verses 1, 3 and 5) **LBW # 272**

## THE APOSTLES' 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Response:* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

### HOLY. HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

+ *Please be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION

*All baptized children of God are welcome at the Lord's Table, when we celebrate and receive the true presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and fruit of the vine.*

*Communion will be received in a continuous line. Come forward, forming a line down the center aisle. Stop at the end of the aisle, receive your bread, empty cup, and wine.*

*Grape juice is available in the pre-poured cups in the middle of the tray.*

*There is no need to hurry through Communion. Please take as much time as you wish for prayer and reflection.*

*If you are more comfortable remaining in your seat for Communion, individual bags containing Communion elements are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. For those with mobility issues, the Pastor can bring Communion to you at your seat.*

*As the bread and wine/grape juice are given, the following is said:*

The body of Christ, given for you.                      The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*Each person may respond **Amen**. As you receive the bread and wine/grape juice, saying "Amen" means "Yes, truly, it is so: this is the body and blood of Jesus, given for me."*

*After you have received Communion, please place your empty cup in the bowl, then return to your seat.*

*After all have received Communion, the Pastor will ask the congregation to stand, then give a blessing, ending with the following words:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.  
**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table, **you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:**    *What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine*                      **WOV # 780**  
   *(Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may contact Pastor Stina at any time: [stinaschaeffer@gmail.com](mailto:stinaschaeffer@gmail.com).

There are 2 options offered for **Communion**: Option 1- the “old way” of coming forward to receive bread and wine/juice and then return to your seat. Option 2 – for those who prefer to remain in your seat, small individual bags with bread & wine/juice are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary for you to pick-up as you arrive for worship. For those with mobility issues, the Pastor can bring Communion to you at your seat. **The basement remains available**, with the service being live-streamed, for those who are more comfortable being separate from the sanctuary. The service also continues to be posted on our website.

**Offerings:** Offering plates will not be passed, but for your convenience, will remain at the back of the sanctuary to receive your offerings as you enter.

Pastor Stina will be away following Worship today through November 5<sup>th</sup> for Continuing Education. Pastor Rick White (570-847-3113) can be contacted for pastoral emergencies.

Reading today’s lessons is Amanda Dempsey.

**Adult Sunday School** is held each Sunday beginning at 9:30 am in the church basement. Please come join your Salem brothers and sisters!



**Christmas-At-Sea Seafarer’s Bags** are on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please pick-up a bag and help make Christmas a little brighter for those hard-working seafarers. A sheet of instructions on what to put in the bag is inside. **Bags are due TODAY**. If you forgot to bring your filled bag, please contact Eileen Stauffer.

**SACC Thanksgiving Food Baskets** – If you know a family in need who would benefit from receiving a food basket this Thanksgiving, please contact Judy Kuhn ([jkuhn@ptd.net](mailto:jkuhn@ptd.net)) with the following information: Family’s name, address, phone number, number of children and their ages. **TODAY is the deadline to submit names.**



Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday. Remember to turn your clocks back 1-hour before going to bed on Saturday!

**CALLING ALL FAMILIES!** You are invited to a “Family Ministry Pizza Party”. As we re-imagine what faith formation for our young people looks like here at Salem, we will be gathering for pizza, conversation, activities and a Bible story **NEXT SUNDAY, November 6<sup>th</sup> following Worship**. Please RSVP to Pastor Stina for the pizza count. I’m looking forward to seeing you there!



~ Pastor Stina





**HOSS' DAY FUNDRAISER – November 10<sup>th</sup>!** Make plans to enjoy a meal (or meals) at Hoss's Steakhouse. Hoss's will donate a percentage of the total cost of meals purchased on November 10<sup>th</sup>. **You MUST have a ticket** for your purchase to qualify. Tickets are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary and on top of the sound system or see Ricky Bower. Both **Lunch and Dinner Meals** qualify for Salem's fundraiser.



**Mark your calendars & watch future bulletins!** A **Ham & Green Beans Meal** is being planned for **Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**. Everyone is invited! Please bring a side dish or dessert. Plans are being made to hold a "Best Dessert Contest", so find your favorite recipe and plan to enter! Watch the bulletins for more details on this fun Fall event!



We have 6 young people attending college or in the military. Cards of encouragement and gift cards are sent to them (approximately 4 times a year) to let them know their Salem Family is praying for and thinking about them. Donation cans remain on the back table and on top of the sound system. Please consider donating to this important program. If you have questions, please ask Linda Carl (dwarfgrumpy@yahoo.com). **Thank You** to all who continue to donate.



**Readers are always needed!** A Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Readings are posted as they are received or you may check with Pastor Stina. Please consider being a volunteer reader and stop by the bulletin board and sign-up.



Are you thinking about early Christmas shopping? **Weis Markets gift cards** make great gifts! The cards are always available by contacting Debbie & Ricky Bower or Linda Carl. **All proceeds benefit Salem Church!** Cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations, they never expire and **can be used at all Weis Markets stores** for groceries, gas and prescriptions.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 6 – All Saints' Day  
*Daylight Saving Time ends*  
 Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am      Worship – 10:30 am  
 \*\* Young Family Ministry Gathering & Pizza Party – following Worship

Wednesday, November 9 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 13 – Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am      Worship – 10:30 am

Monday, November 14 – Council Meeting – 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 19 – Ham & Green Bean Dinner – 5:00 pm    \* please bring a side dish to share \*  
 "Best Dessert" Contest !

Sunday, November 20 – Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am      Worship – 10:30 am  
 Congregational Meeting to Present 2023 Budget

Wednesday, November 23 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 27 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
 Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am      Worship – 10:30 am