

Salem Aug 18

10th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RADIO WELCOME

Good Morning. Welcome to Salem Lutheran Church. We welcome all of you to worship today, especially those of you who are visiting, or are worshipping with us on Big Dog radio 98.9, KHUB 1340, or viewing on Spectrum cable. Please join us for coffee and fellowship following the service today.

This morning we welcome Greg Johnson at the piano and thank him for sharing his musical talents with us today.

During this season of Pentecost we celebrate the inbreaking of the Holy Spirit into the world so long ago, and we pause to give witness to work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We hope and pray that your time here this morning fills you with new breath for your week to come.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed
with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and
sons,

making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus
Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,

and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

OPENING SONG *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (ELW 671)

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark-ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me;
 Shine on me, shine on me;

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

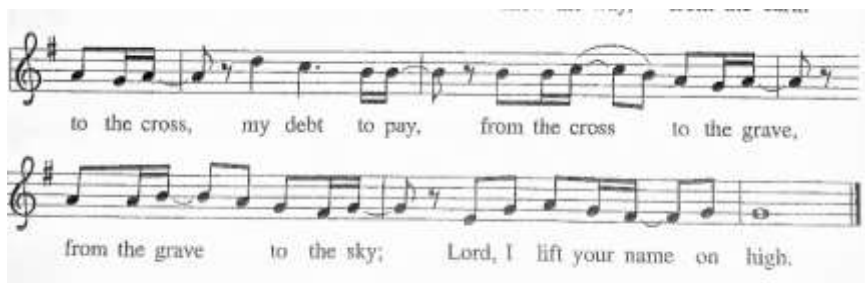
SONG OF PRAISE

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (ELW 857)

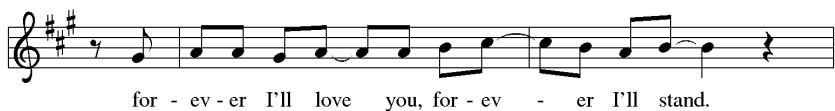
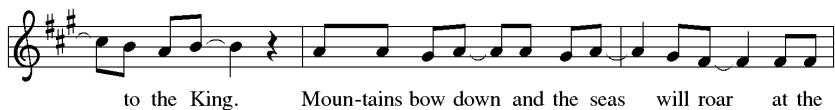
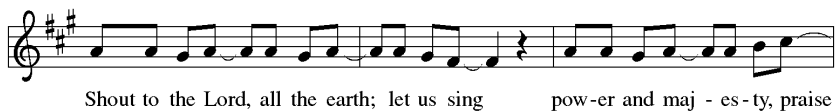
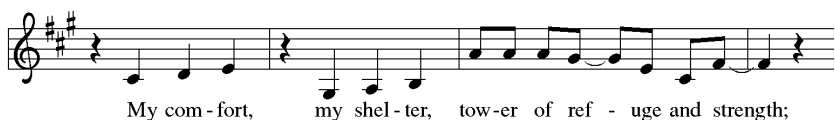
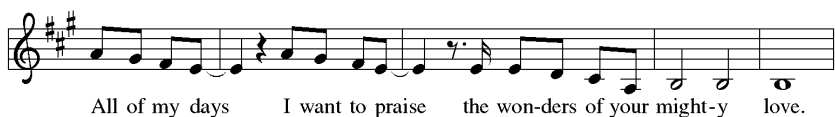
Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth



SONG OF PRAISE *Shout to the Lord* (ELW 821)



WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off?

²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD.

²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!"

²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: (Spoken) Psalm 82

¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

²**How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?**

³Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

⁴**rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶**Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.'"

⁸**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Open Our Eyes* (OSB 157)**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him. O - pen our ears, Lord, Help us to lis -'. The music features various chords and melodic lines, with some notes tied across measures. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding vocal parts.

Chords: Eb, Bb7/F, Eb, A7, A7, Bb7, A7, Eb, Eb, A7maj9, Ab6, Bb7, Ab, Eb, Bb7/F, Eb, Ab9, Ab, Bb7, A7.

Lyrics: O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him. O - pen our ears, Lord, Help us to lis -



*GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the

appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC by the children

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE- Blessing of the Backpacks

Children's Litany

Leader: When it's the night before going to school, and I'm picking out my clothes and making sure I have all my school supplies, Jesus...

Children: is with me.

Leader: When I'm waking up and eating a healthy breakfast to start the day, Jesus...

Children: is with me.

Leader: When I'm getting on the school bus or being driven to school, Jesus...

Children: is with me.

Leader: When I meet my teachers and new friends in my class, Jesus...

Children: is with me.

Leader: When I'm playing with my friends at recess, Jesus...

Children: is with me.

Leader: When I'm finding the right school bus to ride home, Jesus...

Children: is with me.

Leader: When I'm telling my family about my day at school, Jesus...

Children: is with me.

Leader: When I'm praying at night and thanking God for my family, my friends and my school, Jesus...

Children: is with me.

Leader: Let's pray together:

Thank you, Jesus, for always being by my side. I know that if I get nervous or afraid, you will be there with me. When I see the tag on my backpack, I will remember that you are always with me. I know that I can talk with you any time – day or night – and for that I am so thankful. I pray this all in your name. Amen.

Congregational Litany

Leader: O Holy God, the time is come when school begins. As these your children begin their studies, we ask a blessing on their backpacks in which they carry the books and note books, markers and pens and pencils they will use to learn. O Lord of Life and Love, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bless, O God, all who will teach our children in the coming days and weeks and months. Give them the wisdom to find inspiration for each child. Give them the energy and creativity and love that will make their work a blessing to our children. O Lord of Life and Love, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bless, O God, all school administrators that they may be faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to their care. Make them fair and merciful, able to do their crucial work with a spirit of grace and compassion. O Lord of Life and Love, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bless, O God, each one gathered here that we will seek every opportunity to grow in our knowledge and love of you – in our all our classes and programs for youth and students and adult learners. Grant that we may see you more clearly, love you more dearly, follow you more nearly. O Lord of Life and Love, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: And bless, O God, these our cherished children, those whom we have promised to love and nurture at their baptism. Keep them safe, keep them excited, keep them ever seeking to learn more and to develop their gifts. Grant that through their study, they may gain the tools to grow in

love and faith and service, all their days. O Lord of Life and Love, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bless, O God, these backpacks and the people who carry them. O Lord of Life and Love, **Hear our prayer.**

Amen.

SERMON – Rev. Shari Schwedhelm

SONG OF THE DAY *Listen, God is Calling* (WOV 712)

Refrain
Leader All



Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing.

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All Refrain



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free,
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize,
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzania traditional; tr. Howard S. Ghoo, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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***CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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**

Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray
for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

O God, you have given us your word. Like a fire, kindle its
flame within and among us. We pray especially for our
brothers and sisters at St. Timothy Lutheran Church.

Empower us for the work of breaking down walls, reconciling
the divided, and building faith. Help us to see where you are
calling us to love our neighbor, and show us how to do that
in a way that honors you. Great and Mighty God, you rise up
to rule the nations. Bless grassroots movements and guide
elected officials. Teach the nations to be good neighbors to
each other. Inspire us all to share food, land, knowledge,
and our arts for the common good. You rescue those in any
need. Great Physician, be with surgeons, nurses, and all
medical personnel who care for the sick. Today we
remember especially

Are there others for whom we should pray?
God our Great Protector, shelter all who need homes and
feed all who are hungry. Comfort those who are bereaved.
Teach us to be your hands and feet. God our Comforter, we
thank you for the friendship, community, and witness of
those gathered here today, especially for the gift of students
and teachers. Send us out to welcome those estranged from
family or experiencing difficult separations. We look to
Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Be with us in
the tragedies and troubles of this world, and join us and all
the saints with Christ in perfect joy. All these things and
more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by
the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *We Are an Offering* (ELW 692)

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.



***OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and
ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite
the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and
blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the
Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

SONG DURING COMMUNION

Video of "Come to the Table" by Sidewalk Prophets

***BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him,
and abound in thanksgiving;
and the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God,
be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

We Are Marching in the Light: Siyahamba (ELW 866)

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...
We are praying ...
We are singing ...

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.