

Salem October 18

20th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

Good Morning. Welcome to Salem Lutheran Church. We welcome all of you to worship today, especially those of you who are worshipping with us on Big Dog radio 98.9, KHUB 1340, or viewing on Spectrum cable or Facebook Live.

There are several places where you can find a copy of our bulletin to follow along with today's service. If you are part of our email list, you received one earlier this week. It is also found on our Facebook page and on our website at salemfremont.org under bulletin board. On our website under sermons, you will also find a recording of the sermon each week.

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

This morning we continue our fall stewardship series entitled "Leading Generously." During these five weeks, we will pause to consider how God calls us to lead by serving others, and what that looks like in our lives today. We will consider the legacy we leave, following Jesus' example, as we invest our time and efforts in shaping the world around us for Christ.

STORIES OF LEADING GENEROUSLY

Neil Schilke

BAPTISM OF LENYX KAY CARPENTER

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parents: We present Lenyx Kay Carpenter for baptism.

Joshua and Jordyn, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Lenyx* baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

As you bring *Lenyx* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *her* among God's faithful people,
bring *her* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in *her* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *her* in faith and prayer,
so that *she* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *Lenyx* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *Lenyx* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support *Lenyx* and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ? **We do.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents:

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth. (*pour water*)

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into Lenyx who is here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISM

(Parent brings Lenyx to the font)

Lenyx Kay Carpenter, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Blessed be God, the source of all life,
the word of salvation,
the spirit of mercy.**

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children a new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Lenyx with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Lenyx Kay Carpenter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

(Assisting minister presents candle to Sponsor)

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

CHILD IN OUR HANDS

We experience many milestones in our faith lives that begin at birth and continue through baptism, receiving our first Bible, first communion, confirmation, graduations, marriage, and ultimately one's death in Christ. As we remember these milestones, we bring God's presence into the home and the rituals of daily life into the church. Through the Child in our Hands Ministry, Rylee will partner with your family through this faith journey. She will encourage you in the faith and worship, praying for you and supporting you.

Rylee, today as you become Lynyx's Child in Our Hands sponsor, we place her in your hands and ask you, will you

walk beside Joshua and Jordyn on this journey of faith? If so answer, I will.

Rylee: I will!

(Congregational representative presents the gifts)

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God

and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

OPENING SONG (COME JUST AS YOU ARE)

Come just as you are hear the Spirit call

Come just as you are

Come and see (come and see)

Come receive (come receive)

Come and live (come and live) forever

Life everlasting

And strength for today

Taste the Living Water

And never thirst again

Come just as you are hear the Spirit call

Come just as you are

Come receive (come receive)

Christ the King (Christ the King)

Come and live (come and live) forevermore

Life everlasting

And strength for today

Taste the Living Water

And never thirst again

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE (DRAW ME CLOSE TO YOU)

**Draw me close to You never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear You say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire no one else will do
'Cause nothing else could take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way bring me back to You**

**You're all I want
You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want
Help me know You are near
Help me know You are here**

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WORD

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses successfully interceded with God to accompany Israel to the promised land after their sin with the golden calf. In response to a request to display the divine glory, God recites a sentence that appears frequently in the Hebrew Scriptures: "I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious." Moses is not allowed to see God's face, but only God's back.

A reading from Exodus.

¹²Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." ¹⁹And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." ²¹And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:7-11

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

A reading from Philippians.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (THY WORD vs 1)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid

And I think I've lost my way

Still You're there right beside me

Nothing will I fear

As long as You are near

Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

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GOSPEL: John 3:25-35

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew. ²⁶They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him." ²⁷John answered, "No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. ²⁸You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.' ²⁹He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. ³⁰He must increase, but I must decrease."

³¹The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. ³²He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. ³³Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true. ³⁴He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

Week 2: Legacy

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY (PASS IT ON vs 1 & 3)

It only takes a spark

To get a fire going

And soon all those around

Can warm up in its glowing

That's how it is with God's love

**Once you've experienced it
You spread His love to ev'ryone
You want to pass it on**

**I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him
It matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top
I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on**

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PRAYERS

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt (*especially*). Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you (*especially*). We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

For your many blessings Lord,
we give you thanks and praise.

For all these things and those unspoken,
We are thankful Lord. **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 *We Are an Offering* (ELW 692)

**We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering**

**Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering**

**All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You**

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
We are an offering

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO TEACHING MOMENT

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG (FIND US FAITHFUL)

**We're pilgrims on the journey
Of the narrow road
And those who've gone before us
Line the way
Cheering on the faithful
Encouraging the weary
Their lives a stirring testament
To God's sustaining grace**

**Surrounded by so great
A cloud of witnesses
Let us run the race
Not only for the prize
But as those who've gone before us
Let us leave to those behind us
The heritage of faithfulness
Passed on through godly lives**

**Oh may all who come behind us
Find us faithful
May the fire of our devotion
Light their way
May the footprints that we leave
Lead them to believe**

**And the lives we live
Inspire them to obey (to obey)
(Oh may all who come behind us)
(Find us faithful)**

**After all our hopes and dreams
Have come and gone
And our children sift through all
We've left behind
May the clues that they discover
And the mem'ries they uncover
Become the light that leads them
To the road we each must find**

**Oh may all who come behind us
Find us faithful
May the fire of our devotion
Light their way
May the footprints that we leave
Lead them to believe
And the lives we live
Inspire them to obey (to obey)
(Oh may all who come behind us)
(Find us faithful)**

**Find us faithful
Oh may all who come behind us
Find us faithful**

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Thanks be to God.

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