

## **Salem Sept 15**

14th 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 worshiping 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 Susan Pietzmeier at the piano and we thank her for sharing her musical talents with us today. This morning we also welcome Pastor Suzanne How from Our Savior Lutheran Church at Wymore and Immanuel Stateline Lutheran Church who will be preaching and presiding in worship 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.

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**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, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray.**

**Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in 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  
to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,  
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

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

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise the won-ders of your might-y love.  
My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow-er of ref - uge and strength;  
let ev-'ry breath, all that I am nev-er cease to wor-ship you.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow-er and maj - es - ty, praise  
to the King. Moun-tains bow down and the seas will roar at the  
sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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## WORD

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

### FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14

*While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people and boldly asks mercy for them.*

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I

have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " <sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM (SPOKEN): Psalm 51:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

*The letters to Timothy are called the Pastoral Epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.*

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a

blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,<sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.<sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost.<sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.<sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (OSB 157)

The musical score is written for a vocal ensemble (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 3/4 time and consists of four systems of music. 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 chord symbols are: Eb, Bb7/F, Eb, A3, A3, Bb7, A3, Eb, Eb, A3maj9, Ab5, Bb7, Ab, Eb, Bb7/F, Eb, Ab9, Ab, Bb7, A3.

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 15:1-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

#### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that his or her recovery brings joy in heaven.*

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls

together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC BELLS**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**SONG OF THE DAY *Seek Ye First* (WOV 783)**

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its  
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and  
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia -

D Em A7 D F#m

righteous - ness, and all these things shall be  
you shall find; knock and the door shall be  
ev - ry word that pro - ceeds from the

la - ia - al - le - lu - ia.  
 G D G D Em A D  
 add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 mouth of God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Mt. 1, Matt. 8:33, adap. Karen Lafferty, b. 1948; st. 2, Matt. 5:2; st. 3, Matt. 4:4.  
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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.**

## TIME OF PRAYER

Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

Gracious God, today we remember our brothers and sisters at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, and our members and

friends as they travel to Wymore to share our flood stories. We ask you, Lord, to bless pastors, deacons, and all church leaders in their ministries, so that your gospel is shared through their faithful leadership and living. God of all Creation, please protect our natural world, especially places damaged by natural disaster or human alteration. Restore balance to our flooded rivers, fields, and farms. God our Wisdom and Guidance, teach us all your ways of justice, mercy, and peace. Lead us away from the idols of power, war, self-centeredness, and fear. Show mercy to the lost, welcome to the outsiders, and comfort to the suffering and dying. We pray for all who need your healing and constant presence *especially*

Are there others for whom we should pray?

God our Protector, strengthen those who work with people in crisis: firefighters, police officers, hospital staff, chaplains, nurses, doctors, emergency responders, staff and counselors in rehab centers and women's shelters. Give them wisdom and compassion, so that those in need are well-supported and cared for. God our Great Shepherd, we give thanks for the beloved sheep of your fold who have died and who now find life in your eternal glory. Embrace us as we hope and rejoice in your unfailing redemption. Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our 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)

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words hyphenated across lines. The lyrics are: "We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, 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. We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing."

We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, 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.  
We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and 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.

### **VIDEO DURING COMMUNION**

"Jesus Messiah" by Chris Tomlin

### **COMMUNION**

#### **\*BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

And now may the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ guard and keep you in his grace. Amen.

#### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Relay for Life announcement by Jaki and Diane

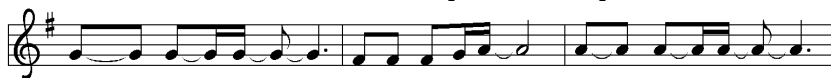
#### **\*BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (ELW 860)*



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

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