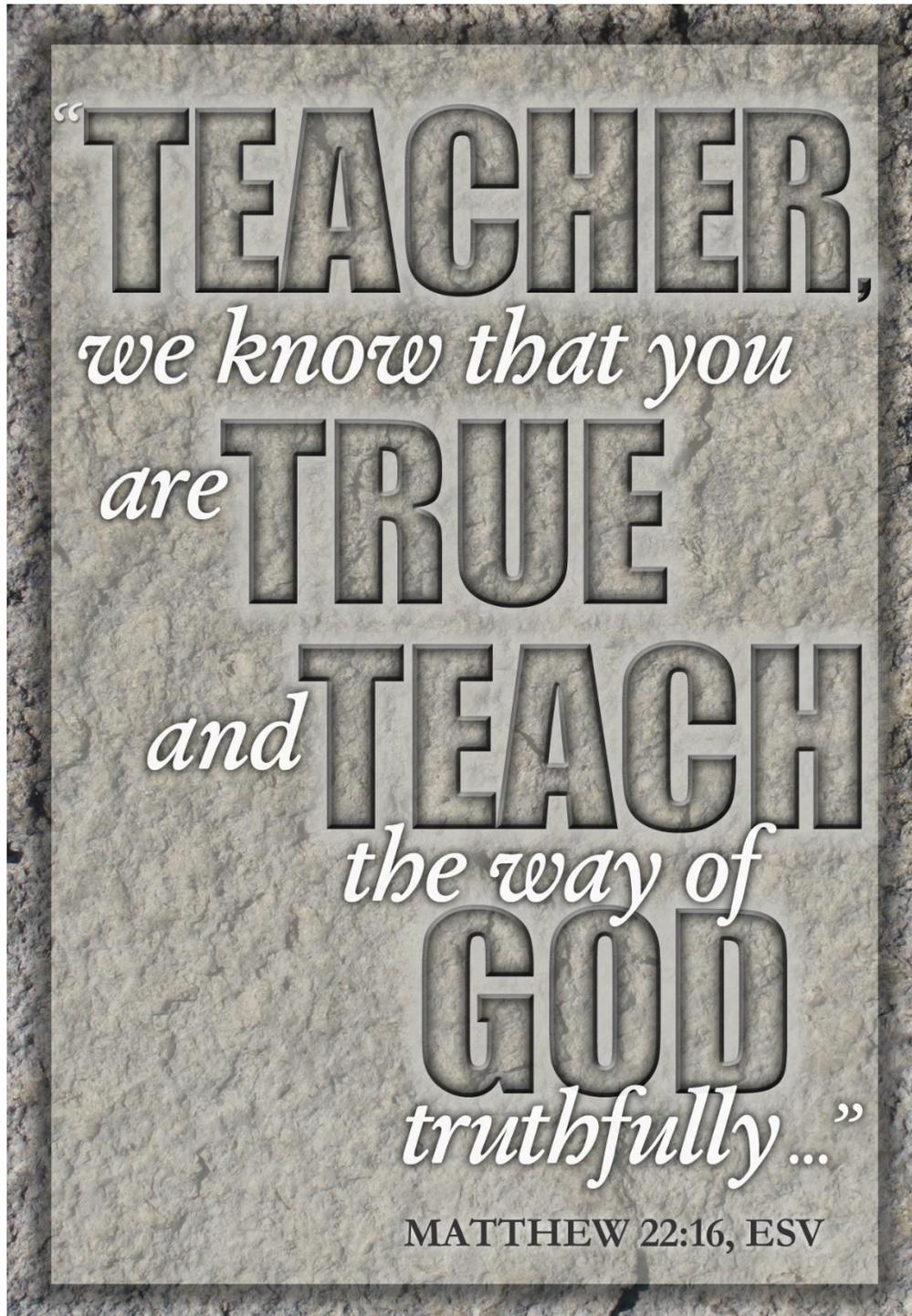


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Sunday, October 18, 2020 - The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering + The Word + Community + Sending

Gathering

*The Holy Spirit gathers us into one body all together
(online and in person!) by God's grace.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

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

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

P: 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.

C: Amen.

+APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: **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.**

The Word
We listen to the Word.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

PSALMODY: Psalm 96:1-9 (to be read responsively)

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

2 Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

3 Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

6 Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

+GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord. (Reading of Matthew 22:15-22.)

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Bishop Brian Maas

SERMON SONG/SPECIAL MUSIC

God is Here (Vs. 1 & 2)

Nola Swenson

*God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

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Community

God calls us to be united in God's love, one in Christ.

+CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

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 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

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

At the end of each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

Wave the peace to each other, share peace signs, or do a socially distanced “butterfly peace”

P: The peace of Christ be with you now and always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING REFLECTION - Gratitude for God/Special Music

We Give Thee but Thine Own

Nola Swenson

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

*May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.*

*The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace--it is a Christlike thing.*

*And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be:
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.*

William W. How/L. Mason/G. Webb

Offering plates are at both entrance and exits for your convenience, or you can give online thru our website.

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have entrusted us with: ourselves; our time; our gifts, strengths, and passions; our things and possessions; and our very call from you to us as your baptized children to grow as your disciples and stewards of your love. Use us, and what we have gathered this day, in feeding your world with your love and serving our neighbors near and far, whom you call us into relationship with. All this we pray through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Thanks be to you, O God, for the many gifts you have given us: each day and night, each river, valley, field and mountain each weather fair, each calm, each wild. And especially we thank you for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

P: We remember his mercy given so gently and generously, even in the very night in which he was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in the remembrance of me.

P: 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 in the remembrance of me.

P: With your Holy ones of all times and places, with earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon,
and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. C: Amen.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

C: 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.

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for everything is ready.

THE DISTRIBUTION *(please be seated as we receive the sacrament)*

P: This is the body of Christ, given for you.

P: This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

+POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation.
Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope
that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

*We are sent from the worship service, to our serving
of God & our neighbors in the week ahead.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS for in-person and online worshippers for departing and the
week ahead

BENEDICTION *(please stay seated - ushers will dismiss by pew)*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord, and remember that Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rev. Allison Siburg — Pastor
 Tricia Siburg --- Musician
 Chris Walz --- Lector
 Nola Swenson --- Cantor
 Mark Miller --- Usher
 Jesse Baines, Caleb Nesson --- Sound Room
 Erin Miller, Nola Swenson --- Altar Guild

WELCOME TO SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Enter in stillness...know that the Lord is God.
 Listen in reverence...it is God who had made us.
 Sing with delight...it is God who hears us.
 Depart in peace...it is God's gift to you.
 Serve with joy...it is your gift to God.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18:	Fellowship	11:30 am
	Men's Bible Study	TBA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20:	Children's Message on Facebook	10:30 am
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21:	Finance Team Meeting	6:00 pm
	Confirmation	6:30 pm
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25:	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship/Reformation/Holy Communion	10:30 am

Sundays at 9:30 am - Worship and Service of the Word on Facebook live/in-person worship
 Mondays - In the office - Jody, 9-5 & Pastor, 9-12, BYOCC (bring your own camping chair)
 Tuesdays at 10:00am - Children's Message on Facebook
 Wednesday Evening Worship W.E.W - 7:00-7:30 pm on Facebook
 Wednesdays - In the office - Jody, 9-5 & Pastor 2-7:30, BYOCC
 Thursdays - In the office - Jody, 9-1 & Pastor, 9-12, BYOCC
 Pastor Allison is available anytime to provide pastoral care. You can reach her at (425) 301-9122.

How else can we support you in your faith life right now? Please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Allison (425) 301-9122, Council President Koni Shallberg (402) 720-2847 or our secretary Jody Meier (402) 533-3175 . Your church family is here for you! God's blessings.

MANY THANKS TO Tricia Siburg for serving as our pianist and to Nola Swenson for canting for us this morning.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH - Please remember to thank Pastor Allison and Timothy for all their hard work at Salem. If you would like to make a monetary donation to them, there are envelopes for that purpose on both tables in the front narthex and back narthex. Just drop in the offering plate and then one check will be given to them at the end of the month.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY–NOVEMBER 1. On that day we will be remembering those individuals who have passed on before us this past year. Please let the church office know of friends and family that you would like to have remembered on that day. Please have the information (name of individual with the correct spelling and their relationship to you) to the church office no later than Wednesday, October 28. Those baptized this past year will also be remembered.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE VIDEOS are posted each Tuesday around 10:30am on Facebook. You can also find them at SalemFontanelle.org by clicking the last item of the drop-down menu under the "Education tab." Share and listen to God's invitation to grow in faith!

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP! Our congregation is blessed with people who serve with their God-given gifts - from age 1 to 101!! THANK YOU! If you are thinking about joining in or serving in a new way, please join your sisters and brothers in Christ as we greet, lector, steward the sacraments, usher, run the tech/sound room, move the camera phone to live-stream worship... the ways to help out in worship are (almost) endless, there's no one too young or too old to lead with a servant heart for Christ! Please sign up to serve in the narthex by the stairs or let our secretary Jody Meier or Pastor Allison know.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS FROM THE FLOCK The Worship and Music Committee is inviting families and households to make videos singing a favorite Christmas hymn or carol. We know you have favorites!! Sign up quick, the carols are first come, first serve!

We would then show the whole batch families singing carols as a part of the Christmas Eve 5:00pm worship service.

Kids, break out those instruments! Need a musician to accompany you? Let us Salem's musicians know (Nancy Schroeder, Tricia, and Timothy Siburg). Have fun video recording on your phone/device from your home, your favorite space, your Christmas tree, you name it—or record it at church! All recordings must be completed & sent in by Monday, December 14th, in order to be ready and used for Christmas Eve.

Sign-ups will start Sunday, October 18th at church, or you can sign up by contacting Jody.

Choose your carol!

- ... Angels From the Realms of Glory
- ... Angels We Have Heard on High
- ... Away in a Manger
- ... The Bells of Christmas
- ... The First Noel
- ... Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
- ... Go Tell it on the Mountain
- ... Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
- ... I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve
- ... Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
- ... In the Bleak Midwinter
- ... It Came upon the Midnight Clear
- ... Jesus, What a Wonderful Child
- ... Joy to the World
- ... Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
- ... Love Has Come
- ... O Come, All Ye Faithful
- ... O Little Town of Bethlehem
- ... Of the Father's Love Begotten
- ... Once in Royal David's City
- ... Silent Night, Holy Night!
- ... Your Little Ones, Dear Lord
- ... What Child is This

Sing loud and proud! Since it's a lower risk to sing in our homes than it is as a whole worshipping body in this time of COVID, we thought as a committee, why not have fun with it by gathering around your favorite Christmas carol. We're happy to provide words and music as requested. Please save and send the recording as a .mp4 file. If you record at church in early December, Deacon Timothy will be happy to help.

- Deacon Timothy Siburg (on behalf of Worship & Music); E-mail: timothy@nebraskasynod.org & Phone: (360) 536-1963

DIGITAL PHOTO ALBUM - Send in your pictures at home of worshipping online together! Full cups of coffee and bedheads are fully acceptable!! Join in the fun and email Jody a picture or two (salemfontanelle@yahoo.com) of you and/or your family during this time of COVID-10 as we are enriching our faith at home. We are the body of Christ, at church & when we need to worship at home on Facebook during this season! Thanks to those who have already sent in some great pictures. You can see them here at: <https://salemfontanelle.org/digital-photo-album>.

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