

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH OF FONTANELLE

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SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
FONTANELLE, NEBRASKA
September 25, 2022 - Sixteenth 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 the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Seeking to center our lives in Jesus' teachings and mission, let us remember the gift of God's guidance and mercy.

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Gracious God,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you, and against one another. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Risen savior and Lord. Amen.

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: In Christ, + you are a new creation. In this great, green, growing season, you are called to grow deep roots in God's trusting and abiding Word. By the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, new life is for you. By grace you have been saved. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

C: Amen.

+GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW 532

*Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away--
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

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+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.

+KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison

ELW P. 184

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

*For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

*That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

*For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

*For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

Larry Olson/Dakota Road Music

+HYMN OF PRAISE

God of Grace and God of Glory (Vs. 1 & 3)

ELW 705

*God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
let we miss your kingdom's goal.*

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+PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace,
and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

PSALMODY: Psalm 146

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

3 Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

4 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

5 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

6 who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

7 who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

8 The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

9 The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

10 The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Change My Heart, O God

ELW 801

Refrain:

*Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.*

*You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.*

Refrain:

*Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.*

+GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.** (Reading of Luke 16:19-31.)

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

Jesus said: “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SERMON HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

(Please stand for last verse)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow’r to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

*Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.*

Refrain:

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.*

Refrain:

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.*

Refrain:

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

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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, 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 into hell. 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 OF THE PEOPLE

P: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

At the end of each petition:

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

+SHARING OF PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

*Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.*

*Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.*

*As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.*

*Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.*

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Gracious God,

C: in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS

for in-person and online worshippers for departing and the week ahead.

+BENEDICTION

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.

+CLOSING HYMM

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?*

Refrain:

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.*

*Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.*

Refrain:

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.*

*From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.*

Refrain:

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.*

*Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise whi'h holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.*

Refrain:

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.*

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+DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
C: Thanks be to God. We will!

POSTLUDE

+indicates congregation stands (for those able)

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.

Rev. Allison Siburg — Pastor
 Tricia Siburg --- Musician
 Cynthia Carter, Ashton Vollmer --- Acolytes
 Jace Johann --- Lector
 Health Cabinet --- Ushers
 Health Cabinet --- Greeters
 Technology Team --- Sound Room
 TBA --- Fellowship
 Merry Muhsman, TBA --- Counters
 Erin Miller, Nola Swenson --- Altar Guild

THIS WEEK AT SALEM:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:	Fellowship	11:30 am
	Sunday School Mtg.	11:30 am
	Worship and Music Mtg.	11:45 am
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:	Quilting	9:00 am
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2:	Confirmation	9:30 am
	Council Mtg./Survey	9:30 am
	Youth Group	9:45 am
	Blended Worship w/Holy Communion	10:30 am
	Fellowship	11:30 am

MANY THANKS TO Tricia Siburg for sharing her musical talent with us this morning.

"NEW" CHILDREN'S CHURCH - Going forward, Salem's kids that are in kindergarten through sixth grade will have Children's Church at 10:30am in the Christian Education Wing for a Bible lesson, prayer, and snack (this starts at 10:30am, not 9:30). They will be led into and join worship in the sanctuary at the Passing of the Peace with their families in the sanctuary. If you would like to teach or be a youth helper, let Sunday School Superintendent Jodi Johann know!

CONFIRMATION - The year of Lutheran Heritage and Theology has begun! Mason Smith and Ashton Vollmer have started Confirmation this week, alongside Cynthia Carter, Isabella Woods, and Ava Miller who will be confirmed on Confirmation Sunday/Reformation Sunday, October 30. September and October Confirmation lesson dates and times are: Sunday 10/2, 10/9, Wednesday 10/12 (mentor night), Sunday 10/23, 10/30. Sundays start at 9:30am, and Wednesday mentor nights are 6:00pm-7:30pm with potluck supper. The two mentor nights and 10/23, and 10/30 are for all confirmands. Alongside their mentors, please keep our confirmation students in your prayers as the year begins!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - Methodist Fremont Health is offering a grief support group for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Grief enters all of our lives at some point and the purpose of this group is to help you travel this difficult journey. The group is supportive and educational in nature. It does not matter when the death occurred, everyone is invited. This group is open to the community and is free of charge. Refreshments will be provided. Meeting dates are October 6, 13, and 20 from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm at Methodist Fremont Health, 450 E. 23rd. St., in Fremont - Health Park Plaza, 3rd floor. Please note that participants are asked to wear a mask and appropriately social distance themselves while in the building. Please register by contacting Scott Jensen, Methodist Fremont Health's Chaplain, (402) 727-3663.

SALEM'S THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING will take place on Sunday, October 9 following worship. Please plan to attend. Your presence is highly encouraged.

FALL FESTIVAL TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT is scheduled for October 23, 2022. 11:30-5 The event will follow church service on Sunday. We have a full schedule of activities and events. Schedule of events.

10:30 - Regular Church Service, Bring a friend, share the love.

11:30 - 1 pm Pot Luck. Meat will be provided, Church Council will be serving, congregation bring your favorite dish to share.

1-4 - Pulled Pork, Hot dog meal

11:30- 5 - Vendors will be set up indoors and outdoors, selling their goods. (if you would like a booth, please contact Mark Miller)

11:30-4 - Silent Auction and Raffle (If you want to donate items to the silent auction or raffle contact Heather Ruwe)

11:30-4 - Health Cabinet - Quilt Raffle

11:30-4 - Bonfire, S'mores, Pumpkin Decorating, Games, Music and more

3-5 pm - Trunk or Treat---bring candy and hand it out to area children dressed in their costumes. Put your costume on and deck out your trunk. Join in the fun.

4 pm - Winners of Silent Auction and Raffle items will be announced.

This is a celebration of church and community.

Any proceeds raised during this event will go towards the technology fund.

We are always accepting volunteers. Please consider helping. We have something for everyone!

Fall Festival Committee

QUILT RAFFLE - The quilt being raffled off is the size of a King size comforter. Tickets are on sale now. Fill out ticket & place ticket & money (\$1.00 each) in the little church house located on table in upper narthex. Proceeds to the Heath Cabinet. Sandy Tucker's sister Connie Coe made the quilt. Drawing to be held on Sunday, October 23rd.

FAITH FOOD PANTY DONATIONS The Health Cabinet is asking for your assistance in collecting for the Faith Food Pantry - being collected thru November will be packaged or canned soup. Many thanks for all you do!

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE. They are posted on the table in the upper narthex - please add your name where you can.

SERVANTS FOR WORHSIP, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2:

Acolytes - TBA;

Ushers - TBA;

Lector - TBA;

Fellowship - Volunteer needed;

Musician - Nancy Schroeder;

Counters - Carrie Flynn, Heather Ruwe;

Sound Room - Technology Team;

Greeters - Brett Hull/Taylor Shuck;

Altar Guild - Nola Swenson, Erin Miller;

Communion Assistant - Carrie Flynn

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