

# Salem Lutheran Church

## Our Vision:

To be a congregation of disciples  
proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.

## Our Mission:

To glorify God in all that we do,  
reflecting His love to our community and the world.

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May 4, 2008

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

*In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.*

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## Prayer And Meditation

### Gathering in Christ's presence

Prelude

Welcome In Christ!

*Spiritual Emphasis: "Preparing for the Future"*

#### \* Apostolic Greeting

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

Cong.: **And also with you.**

#### \* Hymn

*"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"*

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Cong.: **A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, by a road before un-trod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**To whom shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"  
Alleluia! Alleluia! "This is the Savior!" Thus they say,  
"This is his glorious triumph day!" Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## \* Prayer Of The Day

Pastor: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

## God's word for our lives

### First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" {7} He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. {8} But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." {9} When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. {10} While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. {11} They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." {12} Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. {13} When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. {14} All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### Second Lesson

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. {13} But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. {14} If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. {5:6} Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. {7} Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. {8} Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. {9} Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. {10} And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. {11} To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

## \* Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, {2} since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. {3} And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. {4} I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. {5} So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. {6} “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. {7} Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; {8} for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. {9} I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. {10} All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. {11} And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

\* Sermon Hymn *“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”*

**Cong.:** Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the Word.”  
Lest the Church neglect its mission, and the Gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.

*Refrain*

**With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.”**  
**Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend**  
**And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.**

*Refrain*

Sermon *“What Are You Looking At?”* Pastor Cox

Reception Of New Members

Brian & Stephanie Lorant

Jennifer O’Rear

Eddie Avegno

\* Nicene Creed (8:00)

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**Cong.:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came

down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers of the church

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Petitioner: ...Lord, in your mercy,  
Cong.: **“Hear our prayer.”**

### Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: Peace be with you.  
Cong.: **And also with you**

### Offering

Offertory Music (8:00)  
(10:30)

*“Hymn of Promise”*

Early Risers Choir  
Salem Sr. Choir

### Offertory Prayer

A.M.: Recognize these gifts for what they are, O God---  
Cong.: **responses to your endless compassion and care.**  
A.M.: Recognize these gifts for what they are, O God---  
Cong.: **evidence of your Spirit, living deep within our hearts.**  
A.M.: Recognize these gifts for what they are, O God---  
Cong.: **for they are signs of our thanks and praise.**  
A.M.: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Cong.: **Amen.**

## The sacred meal

### \* Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: 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 in 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.

\* Lord's Prayer

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**Cong.:** **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.**

**The Distribution**

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.  
We celebrate the Real Presence of Christ  
as he comes to us "in, with, and under" the bread and the wine.*

\* Thanksgiving Canticle

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**Cong:** **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Going in mission

\* Benediction

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\* Sending Hymn

*"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"*

**Cong.:** **Give us your joy on earth, O Lord, In heav'n to be our great reward.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! When throned with you forever, we  
Shall praise you name eternally. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to you let earth accord:  
Alleluia Alleluia! you are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\* Commissioning

**Pastor:** Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod and quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, O saints of God! Go in peace!

**A.M.:** Serve the Lord!

**Cong.:** **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

FLORAL OFFERING: By Curtis & Roselin Springate in honor of their 4th Wedding Anniversary and in celebration of Curtis' birthday.

**Our Family Table**  
**Sunday, May 4, 2008**

The sharing of news and information for  
Congregational friends and family

**Welcome to Salem!**

**Worship/Educational Opportunities**

8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
9:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
9:15 a.m.	Christian Education Hour
10:30 a.m.	Festival Worship

**Mid-Week Bible Dinners**

We will continue our weekly **Wednesday evening dinners (5:45 to 7:00 p.m.)** as we also provide more opportunities to meet our Discipleship goal of reading the New Testament this year. Starting at **6:00 p.m.**, we will read an entire book of the New Testament, followed by a question/answer/discussion time. Obviously, we will be only reading the shorter books of the New Testament, but by the end of this program, we will have read nine whole books of the New Testament. The schedule is as follows: April 9<sup>th</sup>-2 Timothy, April 16<sup>th</sup>-Titus, April 23<sup>rd</sup>-James, April 30<sup>th</sup>-1 Peter, May 7<sup>th</sup>-2 Peter, May 14<sup>th</sup>-1 John, May 21<sup>st</sup>-2 & 3 John, May 28<sup>th</sup>-Jude. Please sign-up if you plan to attend the dinners. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and young children eat free.

**Got Grief?**

Then participate in one of the following healing offerings:

- Grief and Support Group I will meet on **Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in Pastor Schmidt's study.
- Grief and Support Group II. Designed and created for men. We will gather on **Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** in Pastor Schmidt's study at **7:00 p.m.**

**All Committee Meeting**

Come join us on **All Committee meeting night on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m.** All standing committees are meeting on the same evening for a trial basis to encourage communication as well as increased participation from the congregation. All are welcome; those interested in doing a single job and doing it well, in addition to those with more time available.

**Fellowship News!**

**Mother's Day Tea** - The Fellowship Committee invites you to celebrate Mother's Day with your children, best friend, favorite Aunt, Grandmother or whoever that special woman in your life is at an enjoyable afternoon of fellowship, food, entertainment, highlighted with a guest speaker on Style & Fashion. A babysitter will be available for the younger children. The fun begins at **2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall.** Fun and fancy hat creations are encouraged! The last day to sign-up is Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to include names of everyone attending, including ages of children, if you need to utilize the babysitting service.

**Father's Day Golf Outing** - The Fellowship Committee has added a far simpler element of our golf outing event being held on **Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**; should you not be a "true or confident golfer," Pastor Jeff will be hosting a concurrent but separate Miniature Golf Outing for those not wishing to participate in REAL GOLF! Please sign-up on the same sheet in the Fellowship Hall, but indicate which golf outing you are signing up for. You can also contact Tammy Ayotte at [jimntam@hotmail.com](mailto:jimntam@hotmail.com) for more information or to sign-up for either event.

**Sunday Coffee Hours** – We all have an opportunity each week to mingle with each other before or after any of the services. We are serving coffee and treats now every week in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone would like to host a coffee to celebrate a special event, please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen.

### Sunday School Service Project

Students are asked to bring change for the "Pig and Pastor Projects" throughout the month of May. A piggy bank will be placed in the Fellowship Hall. Students will process to the Fellowship Hall during their Sunday School class to place their change in the bank. Everyone is welcome to bring their spare change in support of this project.

### Catechetical Conferences

CAT Conferences will be held on **Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**. The sign-up sheet is posted outside the Church Office door. Be sure to sign-up for the best time that fits your schedule.

### "7900 Club"

The May meeting of the "7900 Club" is always the most popular and best attended event of the year. This annual festivity will begin **at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14 at the home of Nancy and Dick Ericson** at 8642 Alegre Circle. Hamburgers and brats will be the menu centerpieces. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Drinks will be furnished. Come and bring your friends, family and neighbors! We will then take a three month hiatus until September 10, 2008.

### Youth Group

The Salem Youth will gather on **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** (the Aquatica event will be held in June.) This will be a Learning event based on the writings of C.S. Lewis, in preparation for the release of the next movie of the Narnia series: Prince Caspian, produced by Disney. Dinner will be provided. For more information, please contact Pastor Jeff ([pastorjeff@salemhc.net](mailto:pastorjeff@salemhc.net) or 407-414-5261).

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANTS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES:**

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Acolytes:	Charlie Ryan	Joseph Cox
Assisting Ministers:	Eleanor Mecklenburg	Linda Magnuson
Ushers:	Ray & Aurora Lien	Marie Kase
		Maria Martins
		Bob & Julie Garlitzke
Altar Guild:	Anne Lauer	Cindy Linnell
Greeters:	Ed & Mabel Larson	Arnette Moll
		Ardella Meyer
Supply Organist:		Dottie Kistler
Sr. Pastor:		Wayne F. Schmidt
Assoc. Pastor:		Jefferson Cox

# FRIENDS AND FAMILY PRAYER LIST

## New Petitions

### **Joy:**

For Ernie Lorenzen, Eddie Avegno, Jennifer O'Rear, Brian & Stephanie Lorant, Wendy Mertz and Erich & Elaine Mertz as we receive them today into the family of Salem.

For Connor Dylan, Taylor Emily and Brooke Catherine Mertz as they become children of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today at the 9:15 service.

### **Thanksgiving:**

For Pam Saunders, teacher at Dr. Phillips Elementary, that tests came back with a curable condition and treatments are already showing results.

### **Presence:**

For Tina Meranda, the mother of two young boys and a friend of Ruth Owrey, upon being diagnosed with lung cancer.

For Lorraine Swanson, mother of Candy Johnson, upon being diagnosed with lymphoma.

### **Comfort:**

For Bill & Betty Fortino upon the recent death of their nephew, Theodore Fortino.

## Continuing Petitions

### **Presence:**

For Kathy Heenan upon the reoccurrence of cancer.

For Frank Kolb, Maria Martins' brother, as he continues chemo for colon cancer.

For Jim Ayotte, Sr., Jim Ayotte's father, as he undergoes cancer treatments.

For our congregation as we search for a person(s) to fulfill the positions of Organist, Sr. Choir Director and/or Contemporary Worship Leader.

For Kenneth Lee, father of Candy Johnson's sister-in-law, as he has treatments for lung cancer.

For Ramon Johnson, brother of Tom Johnson as he undergoes treatment for liver cancer.

For Ronald Weller, family member of Rebecca Morales, as he awaits a liver transplant.

For James Macdonald, as he undergoes chemo treatments.

For Christine Zaloom, niece of Brian and Maria Blackmore, and her infant daughter, as she continues to grow stronger at home and they deal with the challenges ahead.

For Julie Hachmeister's mom, Patricia Blauert, upon being cared for at Westminster Towers.

### **Healing:**

For Daniel Sherin as he undergoes testing.

For Kathryn, daughter of Anne & Jerry Lauer, as she deals with a painful rib/cartilage condition.

For Patti Hawn as she recuperates at Windermere Health Care & Rehabilitation Center.

For Carly Clement as she recuperates from outpatient surgery.

For Jerry Guinn, friend of Peggy Bohart Baker, as he recuperates from a stroke.

For Merrill Francis, father of Priscilla Fitzgerald, as he recuperates from back surgery.

For the children of Bryan Hadley, friend of Desmond Taylor, who have been diagnosed with Niemann-Pick type C disease.

For Lurah Ann Taylor, niece of the Peery's, upon being diagnosed with advanced pancreatitis.

For Erin Masterson, Gina & Roger's daughter, as she battles chronic respiratory problems.

### **Safety:**

For Jonathan Cretul, nephew of Scott and Audrey Fetterhoff upon being stationed in Afghanistan.

For Christopher and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division out of Fort Stewart, GA, upon being stationed in Iraq. Christopher is the grandson of Barbara Hackett.

For Donna Johnson, niece of Ruth Owrey, upon being stationed in Iraq.