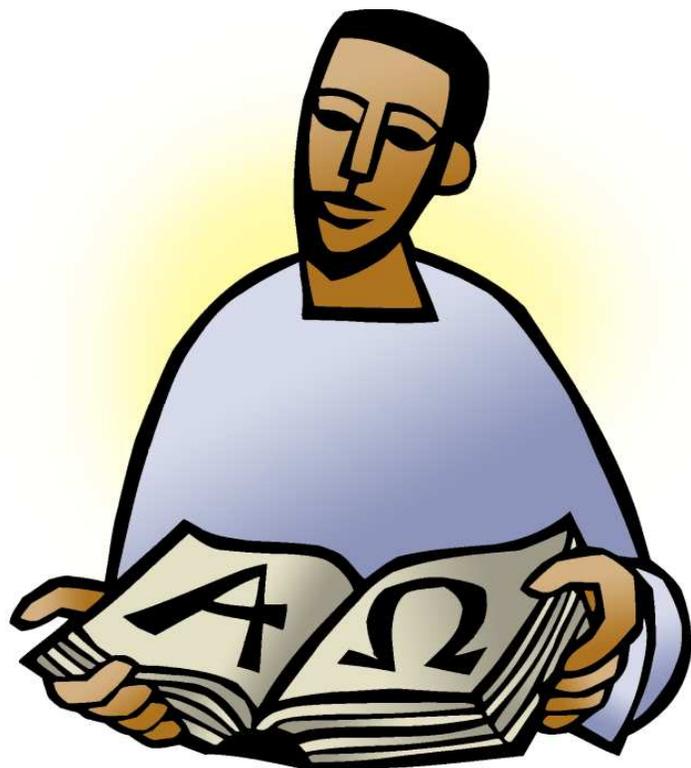




Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk *Starting Strong Update*

Gathering Song *Lord I Lift your Name on High* WP #90

Greeting

L: 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.**

L: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: **a people holy to the Lord our God.**

L: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

C: **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

L: One does not live by bread alone,

C: **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

Scripture Song *Thy word* WP #144

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Page 237 in Bible

L: A Reading from Joshua

Response: L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Psalm 34:15-22 *Read Responsively*

- ¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are up on the righteous,
and God's ears are open to their cry.
- ¹⁶ **The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**
- ¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- ¹⁸ **The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**
- ¹⁹ Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from every one.
- ²⁰ **God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**
- ²¹ Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- ²² O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who
put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading Ephesians 6:10-20 Page 208 in Bible

Gospel John 6:56-69 Page 102 in Bible

Children's Sermon and Sermon

Hymn of the Day WP #7

Alleluia. Lord to Whom shall we go?

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Apostle's Creed** *(Spoken together)*

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.

Blessing of the Backpacks

L: Congregation, please rise and place your hand on a student, if there is one near enough, as we pray:

C: Gracious God, you have promised to be present with your never-failing love and care. Fill us all with the joy of learning new things so that we may be better equipped to be your servants in and to the world. Bless, O Lord, all those who stand with these students. Whatever their task or role, guide them to do it in love and faithfulness to you, knowing that even the most ordinary task becomes extraordinary when done in your name. We ask all things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

Offering

Offering Song *Create in Me* WP #34

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray. God, our Creator,

C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Prayers

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

Blessing

Almighty and merciful God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore.

Amen.

Sending Song

Soon and Very Soon

WP #128

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Preaching: Pr. Peter Soli

Assisting: Pr. Melinda McCluskey

Altar Guild for July: Gloria Kvale & Pat Thorson

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Victor Knudtson from Evelyn and family.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KLOW-FM 107.3.

Salem has a wheel chair available for use. It is kept in the narthex.



Salem will be hosting a 5th Quarter event for Junior High Youth on August 28th following the football game. There will be food, a fire, fellowship and fun. **Bring friends.**

High School 5th Quarter will be held at Winnebago Church.

Live Internet Broadcast!

We have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. **Call the office to reserve a date - 641.592.1771.**



Salem offers a safe and easy way to give online. Scan the QR code to go to the website. There you can click the donate now button to make your gift. You decided the amount. You will need either a credit or debit card to complete the transaction. Thank you for your support of ministry at Salem Lutheran!

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

The Mission Quilters will be making drawstring backpacks. Backpacks are in the box in the narthex.

The following supplies are need for each backpack:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8 X 10^{1/2}; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters and inches
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secured with a band
- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One pencil sharpener
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One eraser

Place kits in the box in narthex.

Please remember in prayer this week:

The Family & Friends of Clarine Johnson and Muriel Schiltz

Gavin Thompson, Lloyd Okland, Beverly Smithe, David Steffens E.

Steffens, Viola Simmons, Roger Juveland, Darlene Madson

Prayer Families: George Miller, Jaci Miller, Myrna Miller, Wayne/Mildred Miller, Sarah Minkel, Brendon Moe, Clarine Moe, David Moe

Next Week's Lessons: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-115, Psalm 78:23-29,
Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

Those worshipping August 12/16, 2015: 159

Last week's giving to the Glory of God: \$4845

"Starting Strong" Pledges to date: 67 Pledges - \$25,585

Last week's "Starting Strong" giving: \$740

If you have not returned your pledge you may do so at any time.



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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

1:00 a.m. Summer Lunch Program Last Day - Fellowship Hall

2:00-5:00 Food Shelf Open

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion

2:30 p.m. LMCC Communion Service and Pie & Ice Cream Social

6:00 p.m. Informal Worship – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Jr. High 5th Quarter following the Football Game - Salem

High School 5th Quarter following the Football Game - Winnebago

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