



# Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 23, 2015 - 8:30 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.

\*Please stand as you are able.

## GATHERING

Prelude *Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound*  
from the Oratorio *Sampson* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk *Starting Strong Update*

Gathering Song *Be Thou my Vision* Red Book #793

## 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 *Break Now the Bread of Life* Red Book #515  
(Verse 1 only)

## Prayer of the Day

Let us Pray. Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, 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*

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

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel concludes:*

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** *A Mighty Fortress* Red Book #504

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

**\*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.**

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away;  
behold, everything has become new!**

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self examination.*

L: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in  
newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen**

**Peace**

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in 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

### Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### 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

L: Lord in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer**

### 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**

***On Our Way Rejoicing***

**Red Book #537**

### Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

**Preaching:** Pr. Peter Soli

**Assisting:** Pr. Melinda McCluskey

**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon

**Video Coordinator:** Carol Abbey

**Sound:** Alan Skellenger

**Altar Guild for August:** 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 KIOW-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 28<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Rally Sunday is around the corner**

**Sunday School starts on September 13th at 9:30.**

**Worship Schedule for Fall will be:**

- 8:30 Traditional Worship
- 9:30 Fellowship - Education - Sunday School
- 10:30 Contemporary Worship

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

**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

**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**

- 11:00 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
- High School 5th Quarter following the Football Game - Winnebago

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30**

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service

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