

Time after Pentecost October 4, 2026

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We welcome you into the worship of Salem Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Jeffrey Iacobazzi leads our service today and shares his message. Rosemary Rader is our musician and Dardhe Lake is worship assistant for this Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Holy Communion is served at the rail. (You may kneel or stand). Let Pastor Jeff know if you require a gluten-free wafer. The tray includes wine (the dark color) or white grape juice (the amber color).

There is a basket for your tithes and offerings. You may also give through our web site or by using the U. S. mail (addresses listed at the top of this page). [Click here for the link.](#)



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P Presiding Minister

A Worship Assistant

All Congregation

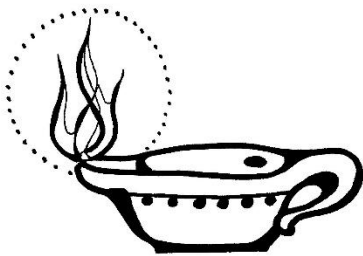
GATHERING

Bell rings to announce the start of the service.

We light the candles.



Prelude



Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet

Pastor James M. Capers Recorded January 23, 2022

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Words of Welcome

Laura Morgan



Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

All Amen

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

(Silence for Reflection)

P Compassionate God,

**All we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people,

following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

P Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

All Amen.

Opening Hymn

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

This Far by Faith 152



1 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Thou art the
2 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Search me and
3 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Wound - ed and
4 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Hold o'er my



pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me af - ter thy
try me, Mas - ter, to - day. Pur - er than snow, Lord, wash me just
wea - ry, help me, I pray. Pow - er, all pow - er sure - ly is
be - ing ab - so - lute sway. Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall

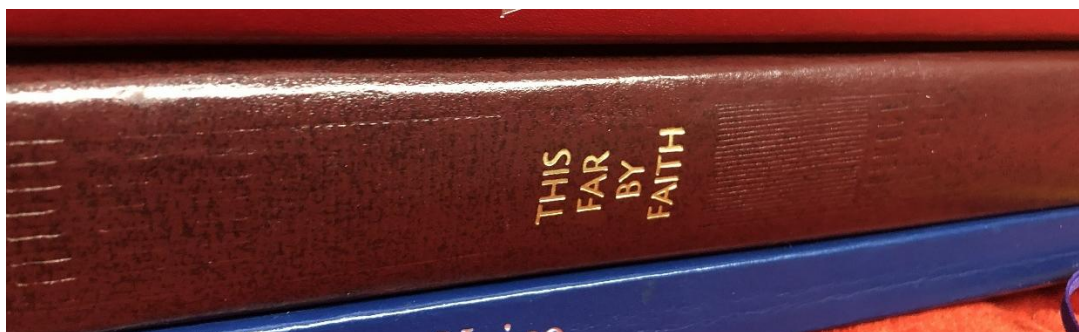


will, while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
now, as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
thine. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine.
see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me.

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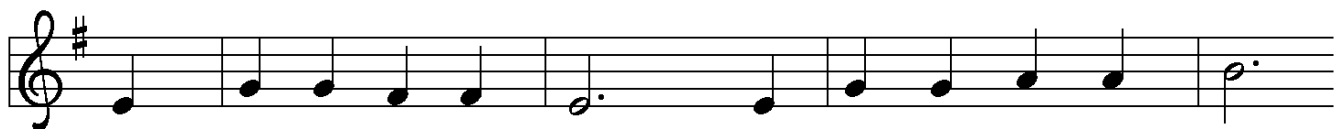


Greeting

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

All And also with you.

Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Canticle of Praise



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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The Prayer of the Day

P Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

WORD

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

A The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:7-15

A ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

All ⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

A ⁹ You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.

All ¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

A ¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.

All ¹² **Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

A ¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

All ¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;**

A ¹⁵ behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right ^l hand has planted.

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Second Reading Philippians 3: 4b-14

A The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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P The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel Matthew 21:33-46

P The gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon **Pastor Jeff Iacobazzi**

Hymn

Thine the Amen

ELW 826



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Prayers of Intercession

P Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Responses after each petition:

A Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

P Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

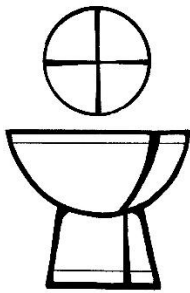
All Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

MEAL



Offering

Offertory Song

ELW 186

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010

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Offertory Prayer

A God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

All Amen.



The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

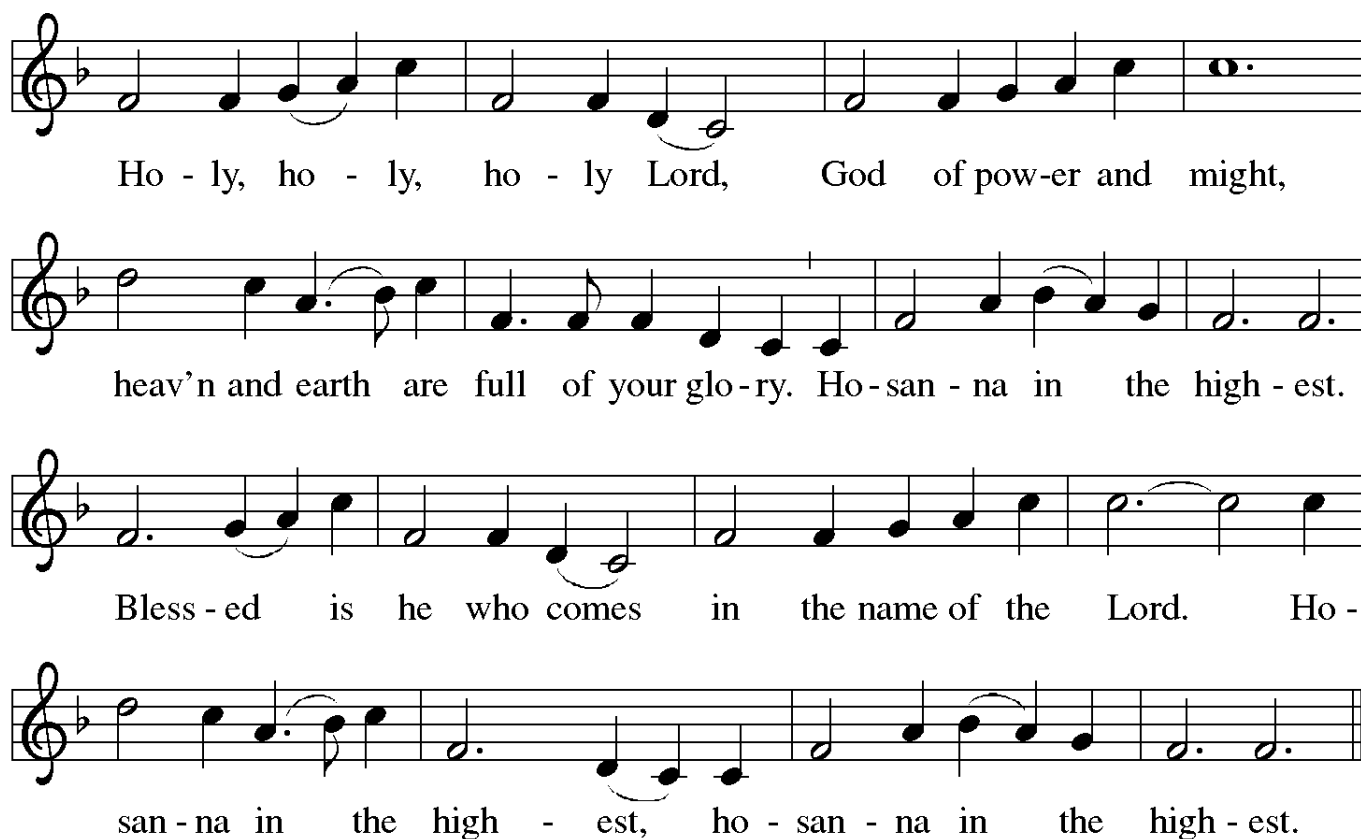
All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the Church on earth and
the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending
hymn:



The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is a simple, hymn-like tune. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff ends with a double bar line. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy God,
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your
abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.

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 for the 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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**All 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 Communion Invitation

P Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

All are welcome.



Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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The Communion

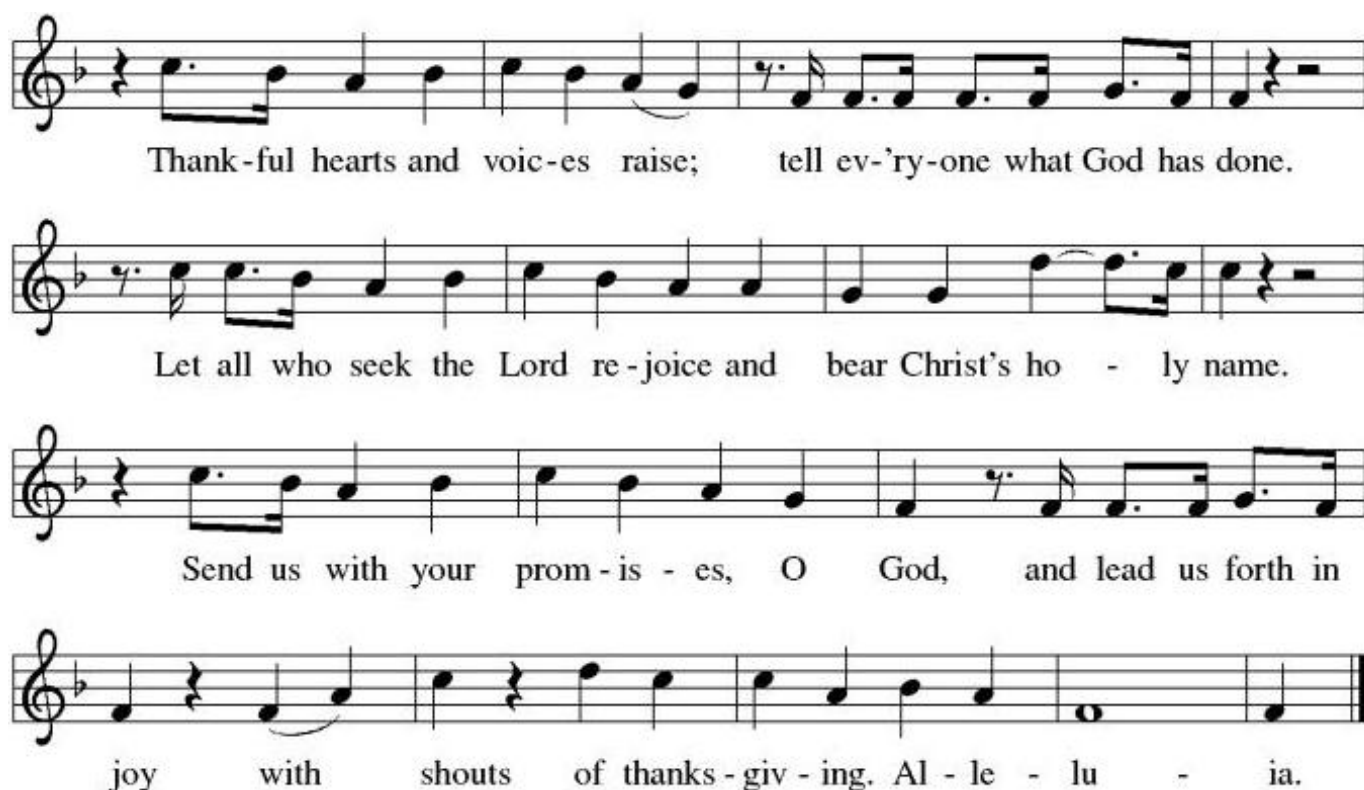
Come to the rail, as directed by the usher, and stand or kneel. Let Pastor Jeff know if you require a gluten-free wafer. The tray includes wine (the dark color) or white grape juice (the amber color).

Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Post-Communion Canticle

ELW 205



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom-is-es, O God, and lead us forth in

joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia.

Liturgy of Joy

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Prayer After Communion

A Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

All Amen.

SENDING

Announcements and Prayer Concerns



Benediction

P The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

All Amen.

P The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

All Amen.

P The God of grace
✚ bless you now and forever.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Dismissal

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

October 4, 2026

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