



**SALEM UNITED CHURCH**  
OF CHRIST  
*Living Out God's Love*

An Open and Affirming Congregation

November 20, 2022

Totenfest

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship (Responsively): Psalm 100 adapted  
How do we come before God?

**In celebration and with shouts of joy!**

We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

**Thank God! Bless God's name!**

God's gates are flung open, the courtyards are full of praise.

**Thank God! Bless God's name!**

God is good; the harvest of love abounds.

**Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* 506

\*Prayer of Confession (Responsively):

In humility we are called to confess our sin,  
reaching out in penitence to our Lord and Savior.

Trusting in the merciful love of God, let us pray together.

**Gracious Lord,**

**we are quick to identify our enemies  
and slow to name the ways we hurt others.**

**You lead us in the ways of righteousness,  
and yet we prefer to walk our own path.**

**We are called to follow your lead in creating a beloved  
community,**

**yet we idolize wealth and power.**

Heal us and help us, O God.

Turn us from the ways of sin,

the means that create unjust ends.

**Grant that we may seek to be for others what you are for us:  
a source of light on the way to peace.**

\*Silent and Personal Prayers of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon ( Responsively):

The Lord gives light to those who dwell in darkness  
and guides our every step in the path of salvation.

**In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God!**

Pastoral Prayer and **Lord's Prayer:**

**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 debts, as we forgive our  
debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

Reading from the Epistles: Philippians 4: 4-9 p. 1073

Bell Anthem: *Psalm of Gratitude* [Jason Krug]

Reading from the Gospel: Luke 1: 60-79 p. 934

Sermon: "Give Thanks for the King of Peace" Rev. Kathleen Owens

**The Liturgy of Totenfest**

Remembering Those Who Have Died Over the  
Course of the Church Liturgical Year Ending Today

A Responsive Call to Remembrance:

Jesus speaks: I am the resurrection and the life;

**Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,**

And everyone who lives and believes in me,

**Will never die.**

I am the light of the world;

**Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have  
the light of life.**

You have pain now;

**But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice,**

And no one will take your joy from you.

**Alleluia and Amen.**

\*Hymn: *In the Bulb There is a Flower* 433

Unison Prayer of Remembrance and Hope:

**Be with us, Eternal God, as we gather to hold in sacred memory persons whom we have known, loved, and love ever still. We thank you with gladness of heart for the ways they walked with us here upon the earth, in our hearts, in our homes, and in our church. We trust that they are now with you, and with you, they are not so far away that they cannot be near to our hearts and minds. This is a mystery of faith. We believe it. We lay hold of it. And we cherish it, even as we cherish those whom we now remember in your name, through Jesus Christ, the first born of the dead. Amen.**

Roll Call of Names

Ruthellen Philips, who died December 27, 2021

Lyle Baez, who died January 2, 2022

Anna Schmid, who died February 24, 2022

Virginia Witt, who died March 5, 2022

Tom Bass, who died April 25, 2022

Joyce Fredrickson, who died May 24, 2022

[All Unnamed whom we remember in our thoughts and prayers]

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering

Offertory: *Give Thanks* [Jon Pundt]

\*Doxology: tune: 780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn: *Now Bless the God of Israel* 110

Benediction

Postlude

An asterisk (\*) where those who are able should stand as an act of worship.  
Hearing-assistance devices are available in the entrance near the canopy.

## STAFF and SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

### Interim Minister

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## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Monday, November 21

Eve - Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, November 22

Eve - Boy Scouts

6PM - Board of Christian Ed

### Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day

### Sunday, November 27

9AM - Ornament Sunday

10:15AM - Worship

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MUSICAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND RAFFLE!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 3, 2022 for Salem's first **Musical Christmas Bazaar and Raffle!** Hosted by the Women's Guild, Salem's music department will join in the festivities by providing music from each of the four choirs, including the bell choir. The Bazaar will include a meal this year of barbecue sandwiches, salads, and pies, and a host of baked items for sale throughout the library and hallway. Songs from the choirs will add Christmas cheer to the atmosphere as people shop and dine with family and friends. This will take place from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. From 12:00 noon until 1:00 the annual Raffle will take place. Tickets for the raffle have gone on sale, and will continue to be sold after church until December 3<sup>rd</sup>. \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for a packet of 6.

If you would like to donate a prize for the Raffle, contact Cindy Remus, Raffle chairman. Think about that special Christmas cookie or bread or candy or other item that always makes a hit each year, and plan to donate some to the Bazaar Bake Sale. Mary Cutler is chairman of that area.

We look forward to seeing new faces this year as we can open the Christmas Bazaar and Raffle to the public. And we hope the music will inspire lots of excitement for the season as our choirs entertain us at Salem's first **Musical Christmas Bazaar and Raffle!**

### ONCE UPON A CHRISTMAS

Intergenerational Ornament Workshop and Program Nov. 27 @ 9am  
Kickoff the Advent season with our traditional ornament making workshop with a twist. All ages are invited to help retell the Christmas story, sing songs, and make ornaments as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season. Join us at 9am in the Lower Level Sunday school area.

## *Celebrate Jesus' Birthday by Making a Child's Birthday Brighter*

Many children in Dane County are in families that struggle with food insecurity. Birthday celebration items are a luxury that these families cannot afford. With your help these children can experience the anticipation and excitement of a birthday cake and party. Salem's advent mission project will be collecting items for Birthday Party Kits to be distributed to families when they visit Badger Prairie Needs Network.

Each Birthday Party Kit should include the following:

- 1 cake mix
- 1 prepared can frosting
- 1 9 x13 pan
- 1 package of birthday candles
- 10 disposable plates and napkins  
(age and gender neutral)

Items should be bagged in gift bags or plain paper bags and then placed under the Christmas trees on the altar. For those who choose to donate individual items rather than a complete kit there is a wrapped collection box by the trees.



Help Salem collect 50 bags to be distributed in the month of January.  
Questions can be directed to the Board of Christian Ed or the Mission Committee.